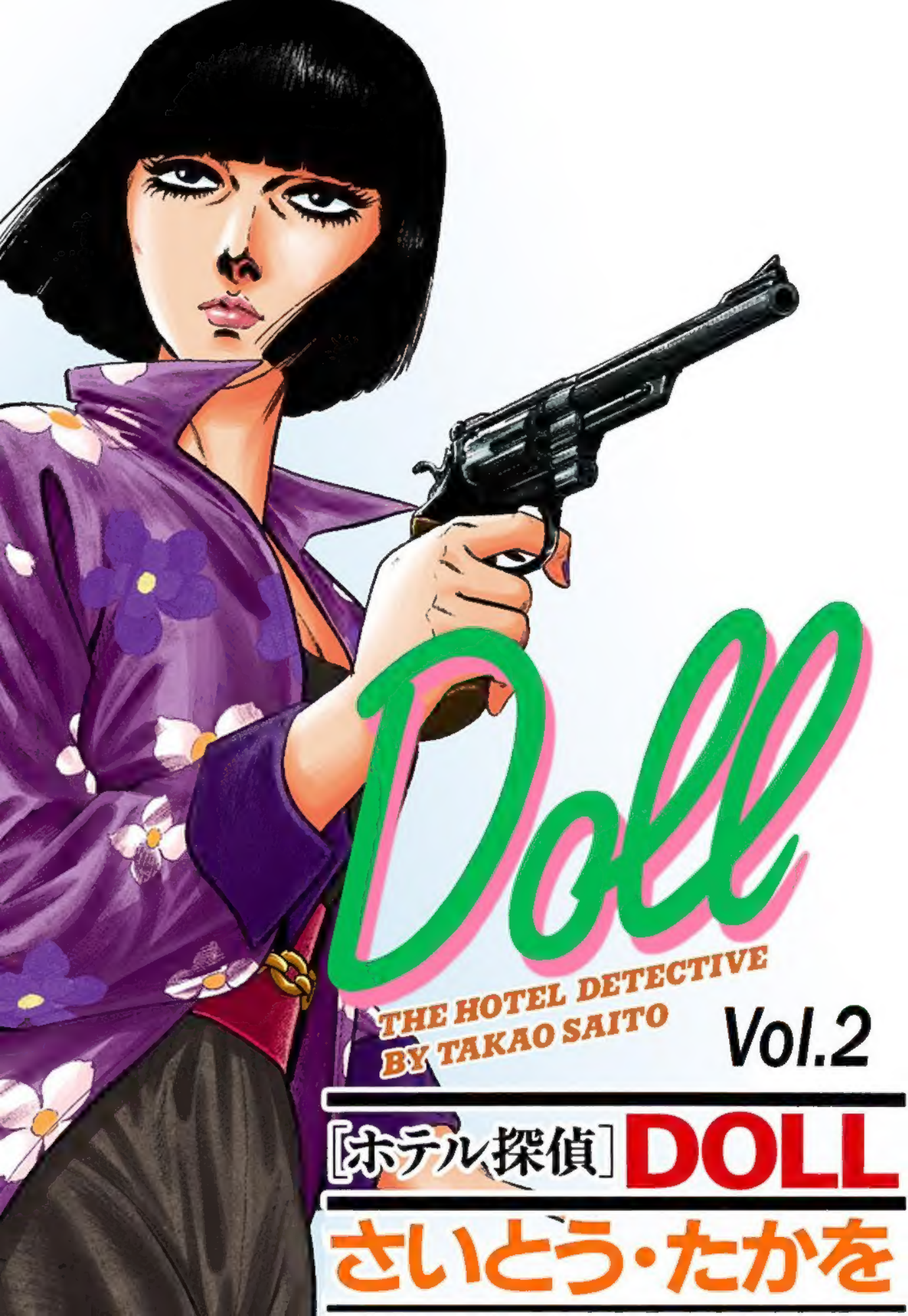
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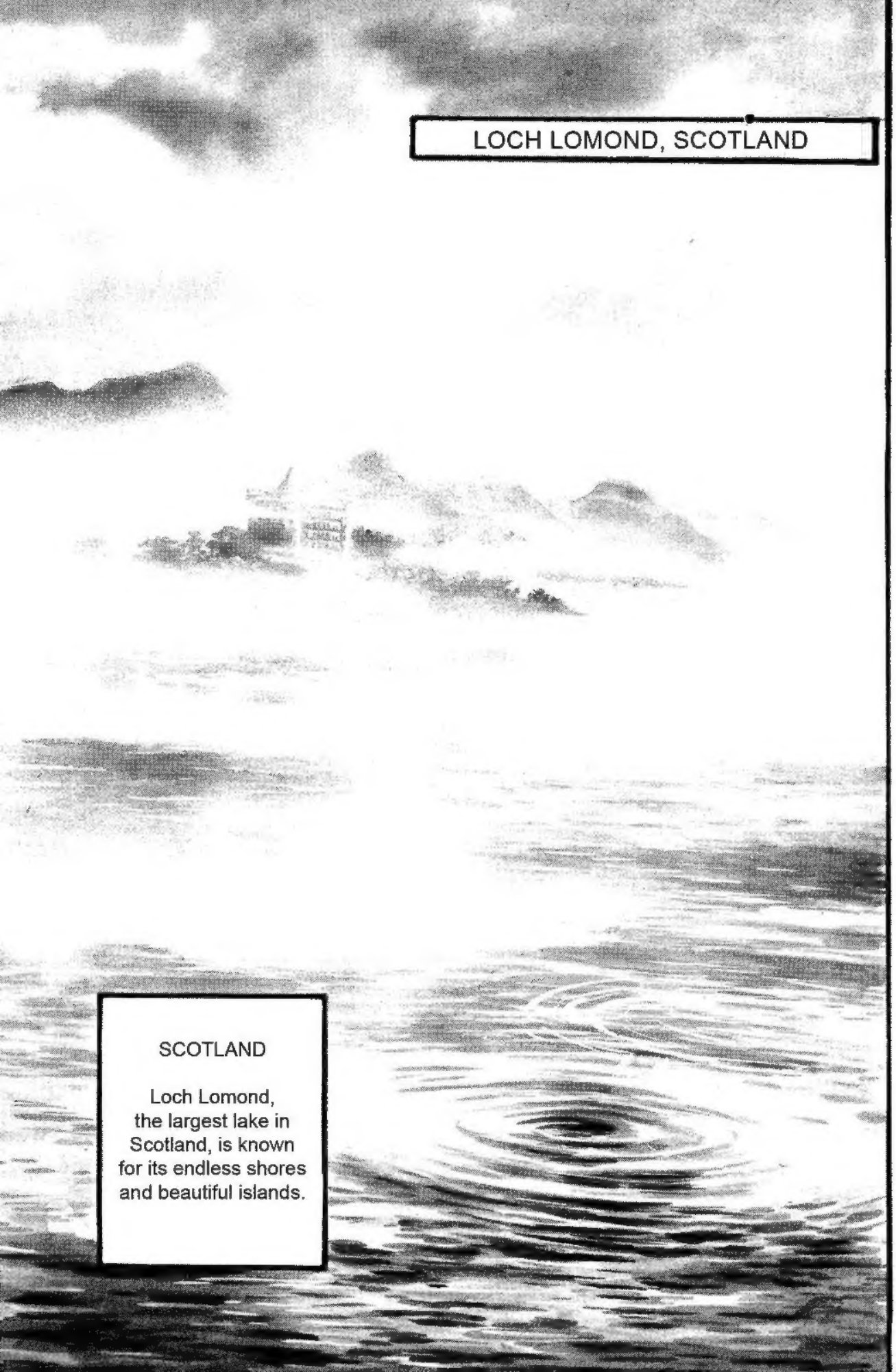
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SCOTLAND
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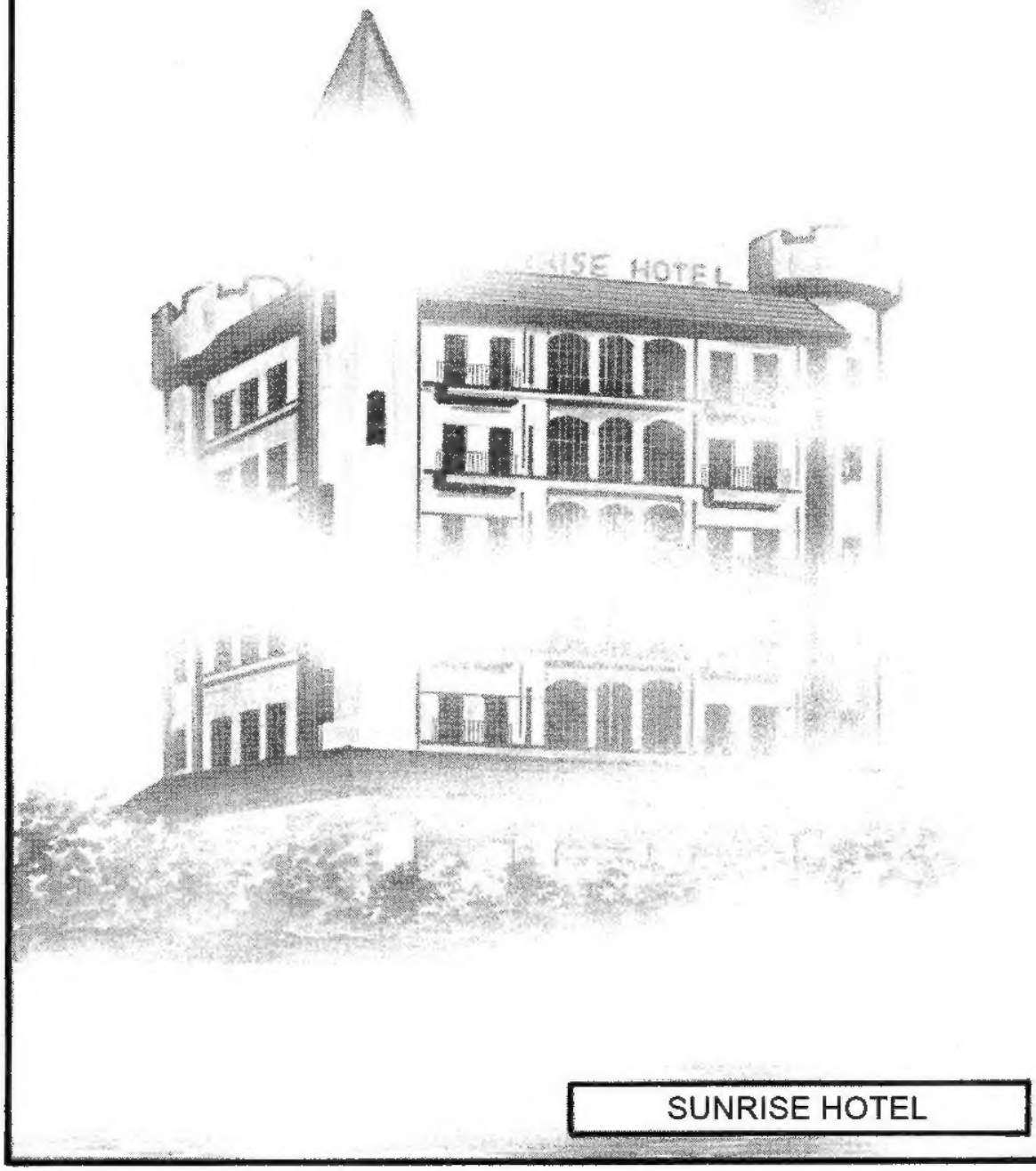

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THE FOG HOTEL

ZRSSHH
VRRRRMMMMM

!!
VRRR

BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
WHOOOSH
Whoa!
!!
Damn!
Damn!!
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
SHOOOOOOSH

VRRMMM
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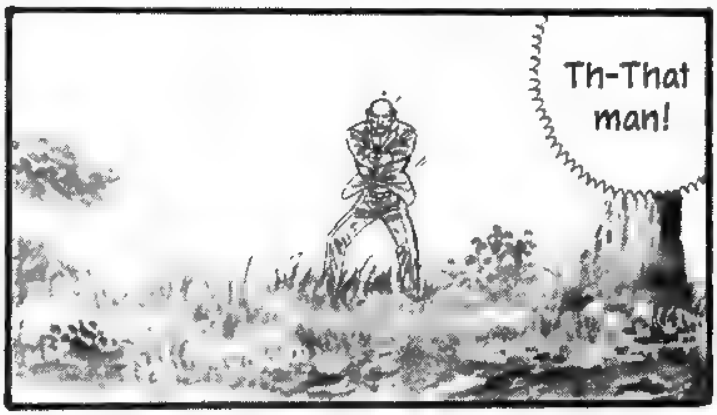
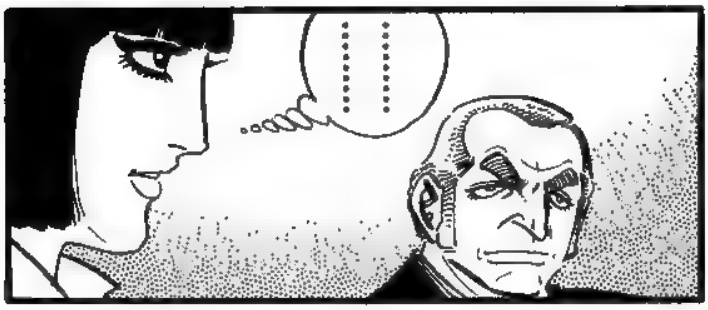

Th-That man!

!!

It's me! Cabo from the head office! Don't shoot!!
S-Stop, Chapin!!

THE FOG HOTEL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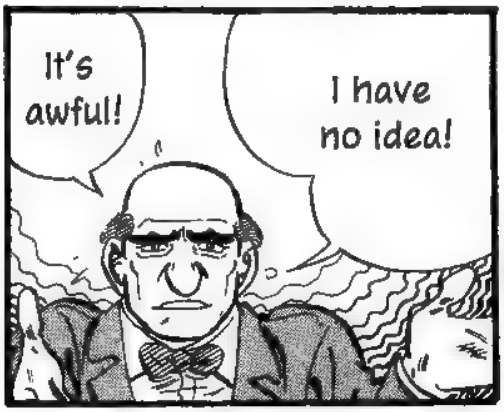
I'm sorry...


It's awful!
I have no idea!

Tell me every detail, Mr. Chapin.

I was overcome with fear...
Late last night, I received a phone call saying someone would come across the lake to kill me this morning.
Who would want you dead?
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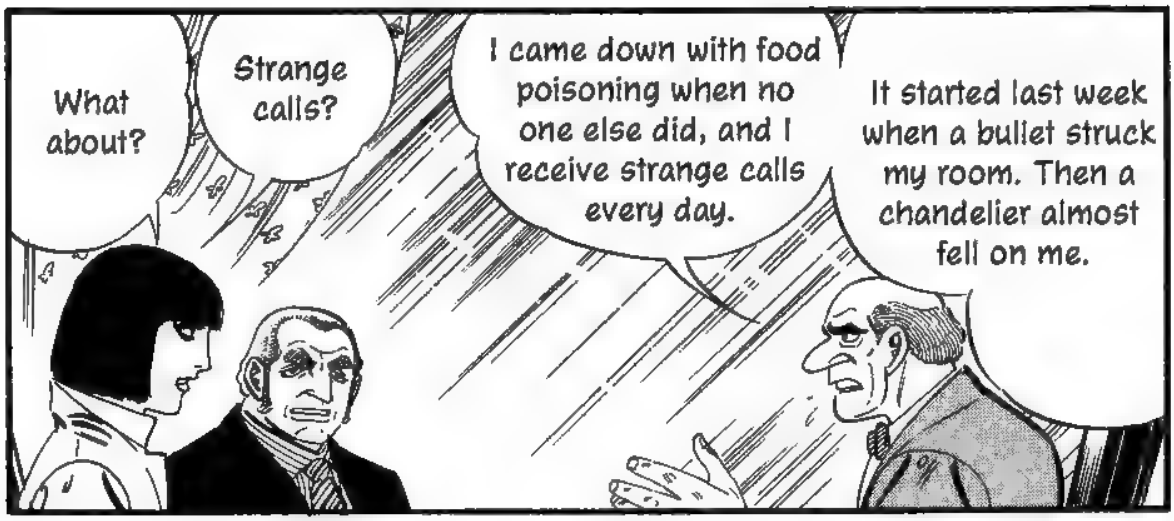
What about?
Strange calls?
I came down with food poisoning when no one else did, and I receive strange calls every day.
It started last week when a bullet struck my room. Then a chandelier almost fell on me.

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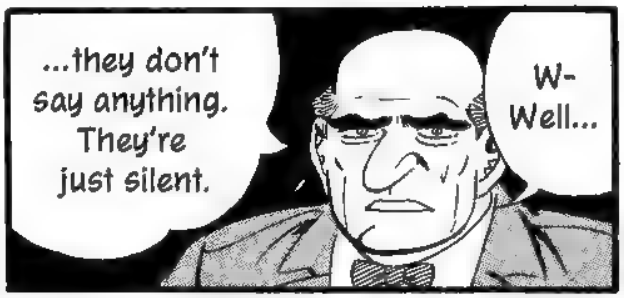
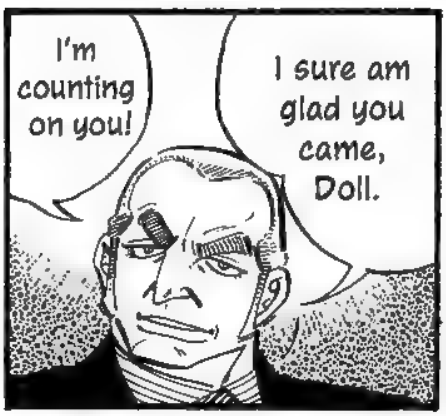
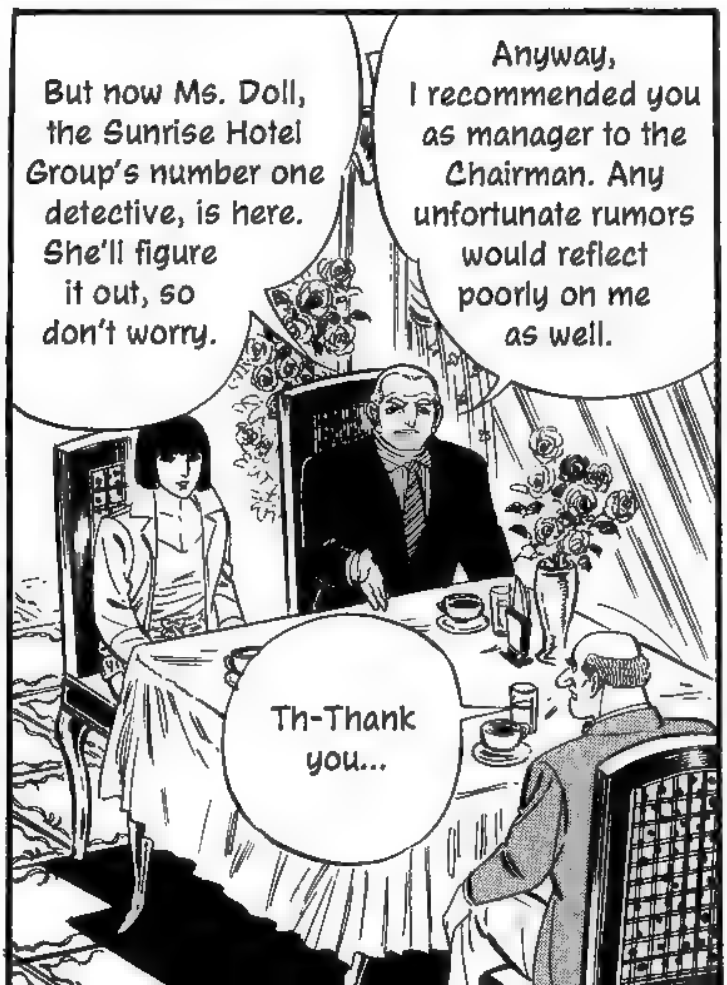
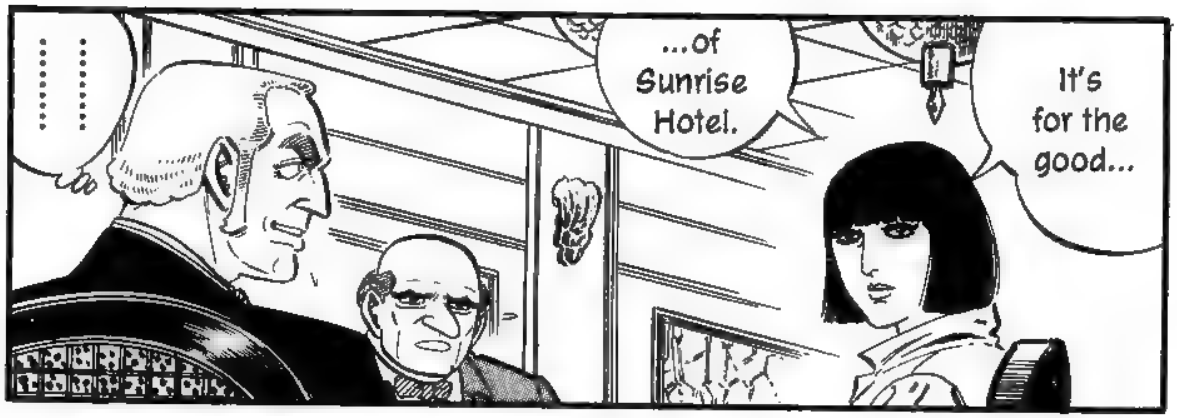

...they don't say anything. They're just silent.
W-Well...


I'm counting on you!
I sure am glad you came, Doll.

I'll do my best, Mr. Cabo.


But now Ms. Doll, the Sunrise Hotel Group's number one detective, is here. She'll figure it out, so don't worry.
Anyway, I recommended you as manager to the Chairman. Any unfortunate rumors would reflect poorly on me as well.
Th-Thank you...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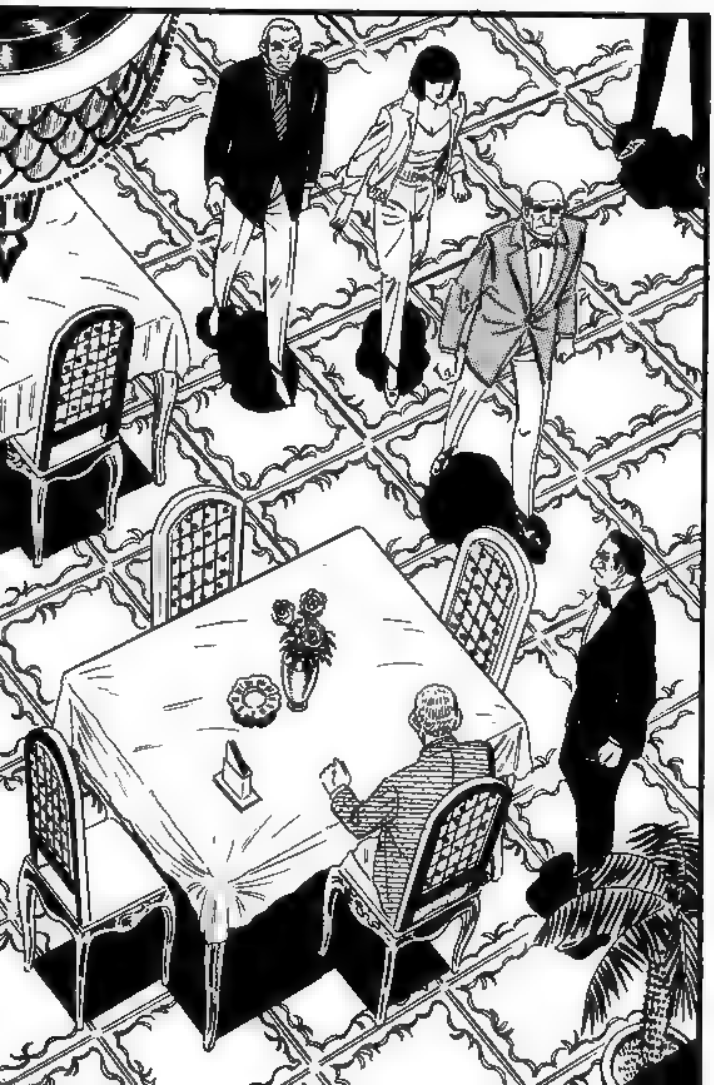
...of Sunrise Hotel.
It's for the good...



!

Welcome, President Wilder.
Hi, Percy! How have you been?

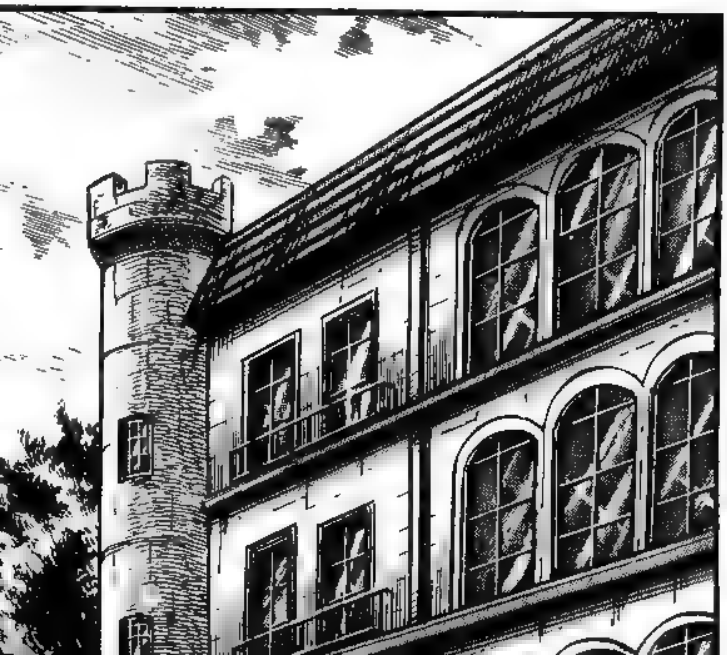
It's the Sunrise Hotel!
This isn't the Fog Hotel anymore!
.....
Mmm...
Mr. Wilder, I don't want you coming around here!
The *Fog Hotel* never turned away guests...
P-Percy?!
TOILET
Please, do not bother the patrons.
Sir, you may run the hotel, but I am in charge of Restaurant Sunflower.
!
...we won't turn away any guests.
No...

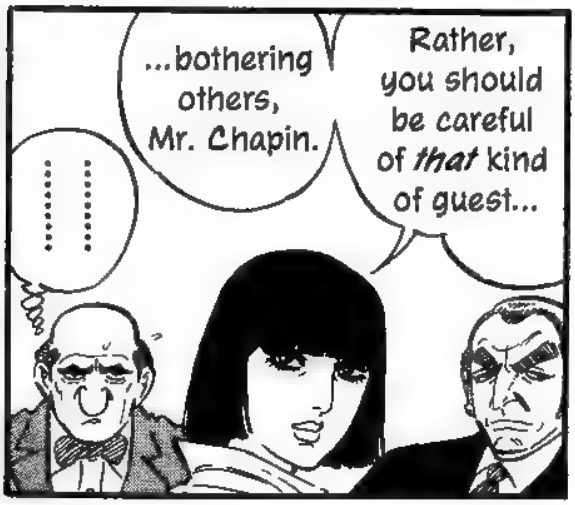
I'm Doll, a detective for the chain.
...work for Sunrise Hotel?
Do you...
ズ"ズ"SSSIP
Without a cup of coffee here, my whole day is a shambles.
Thank you, Ms. Doll.
Delicious! The coffee is the only thing...
...that hasn't changed around here.
Please, take your time.
.....

He let go of the hotel after a string of misfortunes. He's cursed!
But he *is* a customer.
Was that Mr. Wilder who used to own the hotel?
Half of the employees worked for him. It's hard to run this place with him hanging around!
.....
Uh... yeah!
Right, Mr. Cabo?
You always say *the customer comes first.*
.....
!!
!!
Aiieee!!

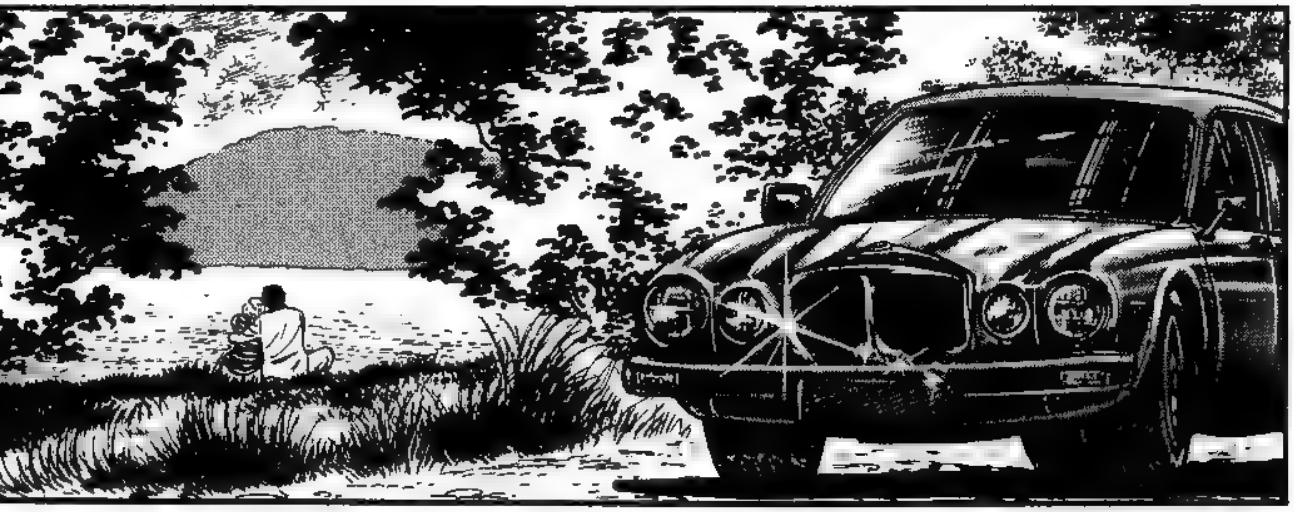
Stop joking around!
Ha ha ha ha!

Ha ha ha!



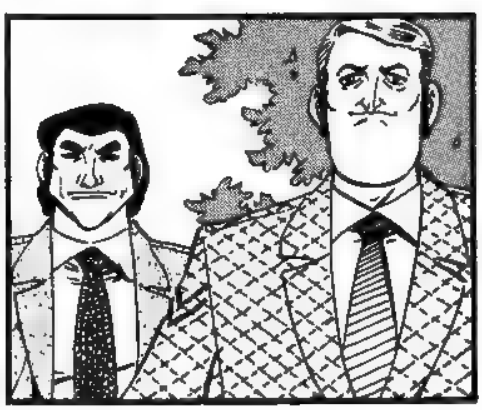

.....
...bothering others, Mr. Chapin.
Rather, you should be careful of *that* kind of guest...

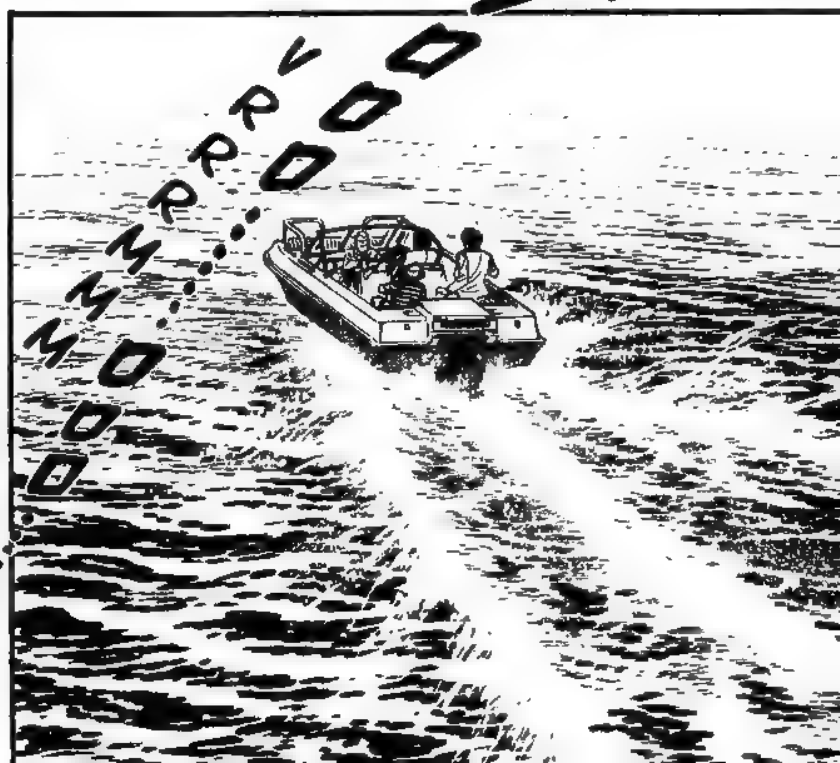
No one will bother us! We can finally live together, Clara!
Next week we'll be in Paris!
...my father's fortune?
Eddie, do you regret this? Perhaps you married me because you wanted...
...so he won't give us a single penny!
I eloped with you...
How can you say that, Clara?
I only want *you*, Clara!



Silence!
Who're you guys?!

?!




VROOOO

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Wonder in Room 205!
And the abductors ?
They fled in a motorboat!
Abducted ?!
A young couple!
They were hotel guests!
205

Yes, the *oil magnate* ...
Rosen-thal?!
...is Clara Rosen-thal.
The girl's real name...
She's an oil baron's daughter?!
The abductors mean business.
Wh-What?!
!!
Judging from her address, I'd say she's his daughter.

Forget about that! The abductors want 500 thousand dollars?!
Yes. I spoke to them on the phone.
.....
...but we offer our apologies, Mr. Rosenthal.
It happened outside the hotel...
Only one person is to deliver the ransom.
They have a car near the hotel.
How do we make the trade?

RRRR
.....
They're going to call soon...
...with more details.
!!
!!
!!
Yes.
Is it them?!
Yes... Yes... Mm-hm...
Hello?
.....
This is Rosenthal!!
Hello? Hello?!
Let me talk to them!!
SWIP

All right! We'll do it!
Uh-huh... Uh-huh... Yes, I understand!
That voice...
What's the matter, Mr. Rosenthal?
?
SLAM!!
Yes, it *was* Eddie! They were abducted together!
Wh- What?!
It sounded like her boyfriend... *Eddie*!
!!
Huh?!

Curse that boy...!
They specified one person, but they didn't say who it should be.
Anyway, I'll deliver the money!
Wait!
B-But...
Huh?! You?!
...so allow me to handle it.
The hotel isn't directly involved, but they were guests...

VROOM

This is the transmitter.

Bring my daughter back safe!
Please!

There's a small transmitter in the case...
...so we can track them.

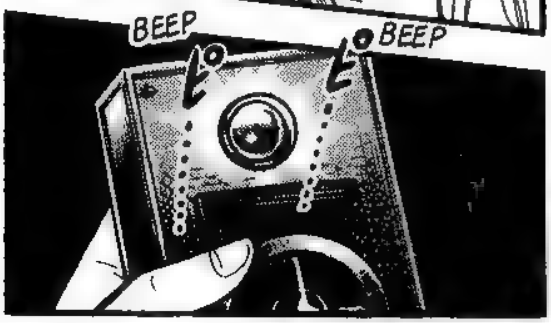
.....

キ・キ・キ・・・
・・・・・・・

!!

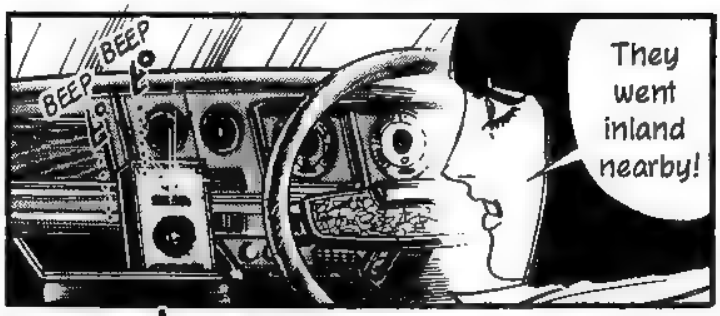
VROOM

Show me the girl f-
Where's the money?
VROOOOOOOMMMM
Shut up!! Don't worry, we'll give her back!
GRAB
WHOOSH
VROOM


BEEP
BEEP

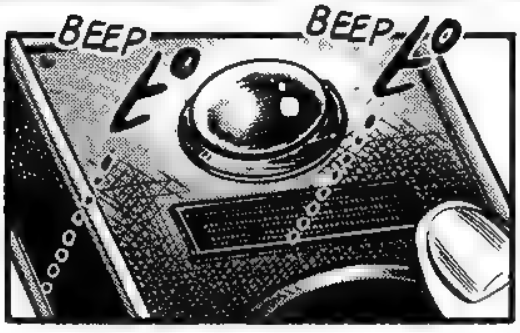
SKRSSHH
キナイ!!

ESCAPE


BEEP
BEEP
They went inland nearby!

They're gone!

VRROOM

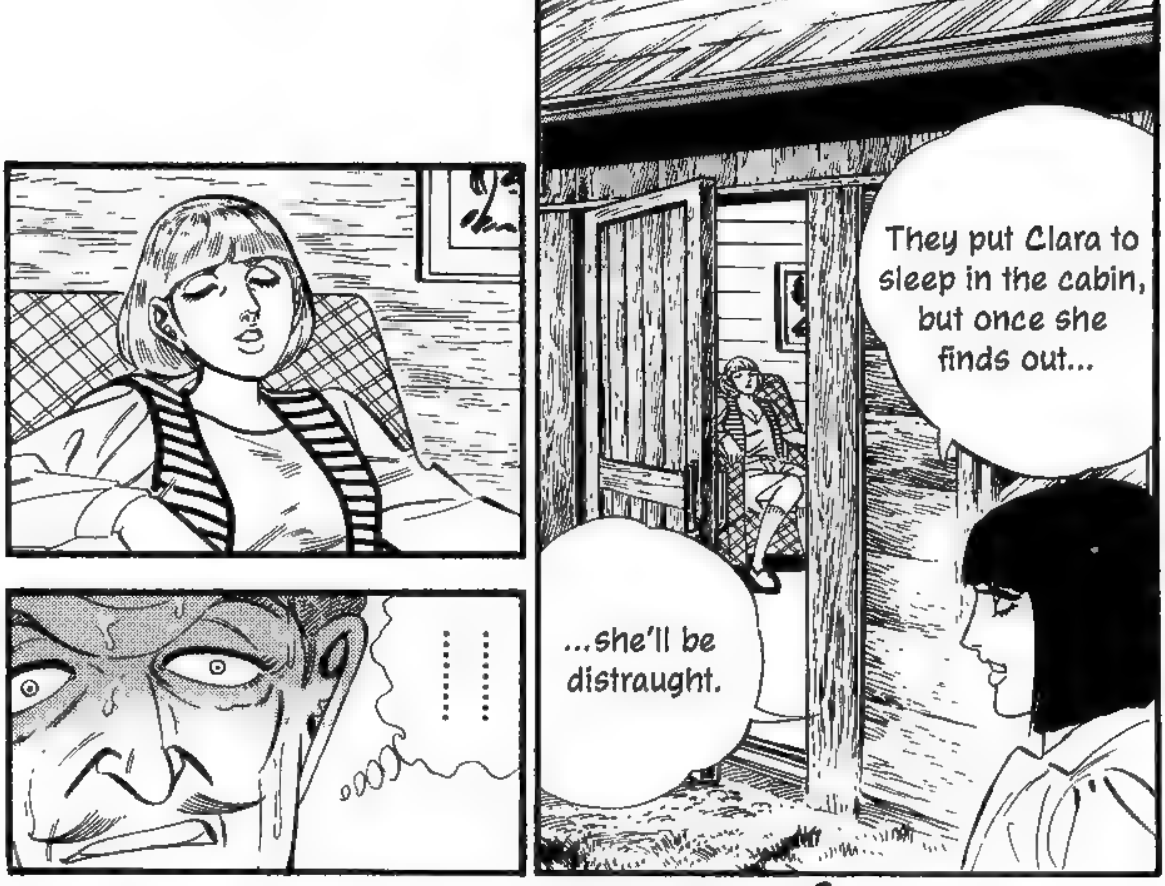

BEEP
BEEP
LO
LO

They're close!
BEEP-BEEP-BEEP-BEEP
KRIK
There!
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP

SWIP
CREAK
!!
!!
Throw down your gun!
!!
BLAM

!!
Rosenthal?!
And he had a gun!
Why?! Because he kidnapped my daughter!
Because *you* gave it to him in the case.
Good thing I had another receiver...
Are you all right?
Why did you shoot him?!

Agh!!
Guh!!
Wh-What are you talking about?!
SWIP
BLAM
You used those men!!
You hated Eddie for taking away your daughter...
...so you framed him as an excuse to kill him!
.....


They put Clara to sleep in the cabin, but once she finds out...
...she'll be distraught.

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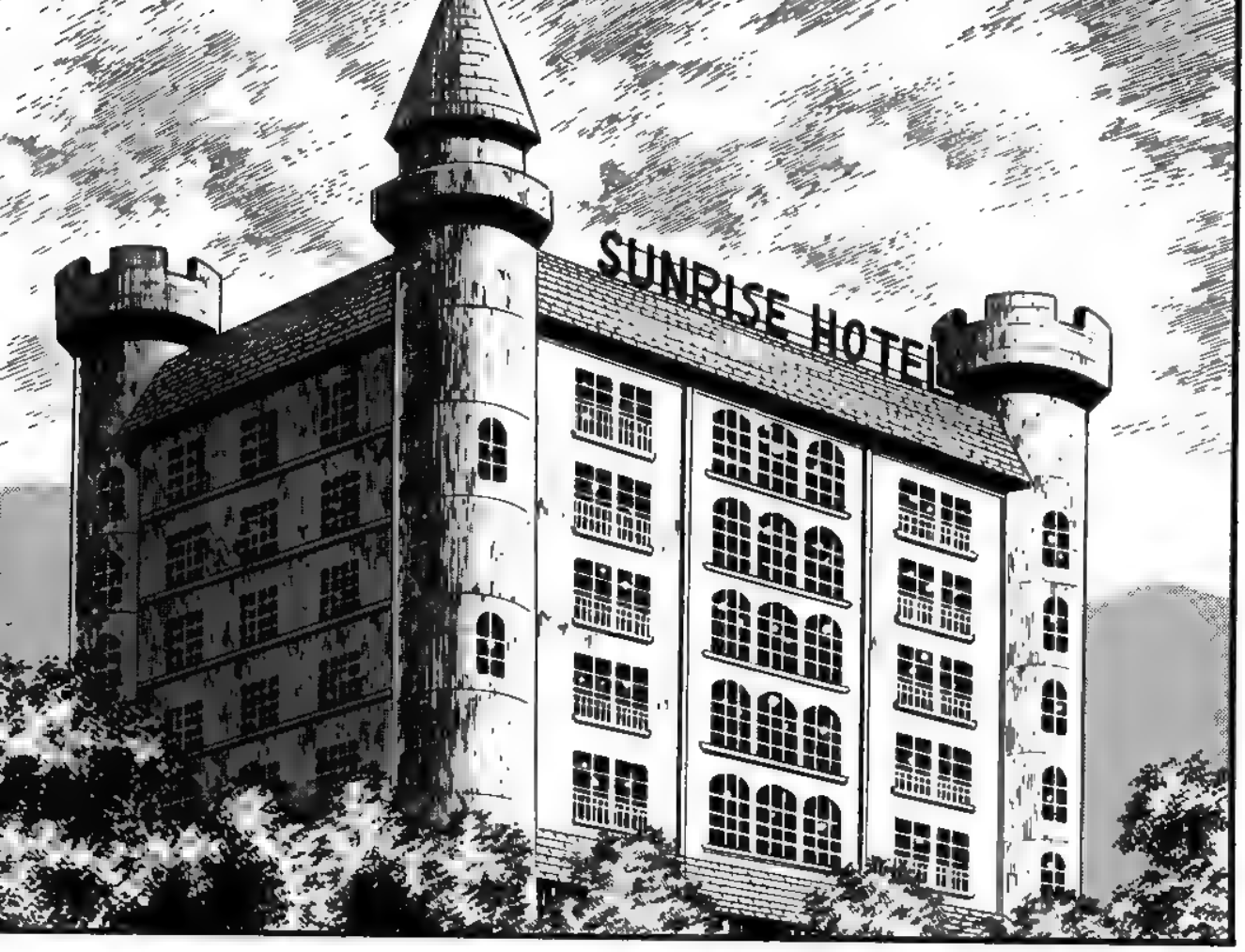
.....
ズ"ズ"SHUMP

.....

A d-doctor!! Call a doctor!!
H-Help!!


SUNRISE HOTEL

Doll! What're you doing?
Oh, uh... nothing.

No.
I promise.
Shall we be leaving, Mr. Cabo?
Is it really over now? No one will try to kill me?
Y-Yes, I did those things! I couldn't stand how the manager treated President... I mean former President, Wilder!
.....
VRRRRMMM!!!

Besides, something rang false when he said the abductor sounded like Eddie.
He never asked if his daughter was all right.
I wasn't sure until he shot Eddie, but I thought something was strange when he spoke with the abductor on the phone.

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THE LONGEST DAY

Didn't you hear me?!

!!
SHUV
7"
.....

Keh!
WHSH

I said wait!!
You said our boom box was noisy! Can't you hear anything else?!

FUMP
THOK
Why you...!
!!
Gah!
WHOK
KRAK
POW

Unngh...!
!
Nnngh...!
RRMMMM
9 Street

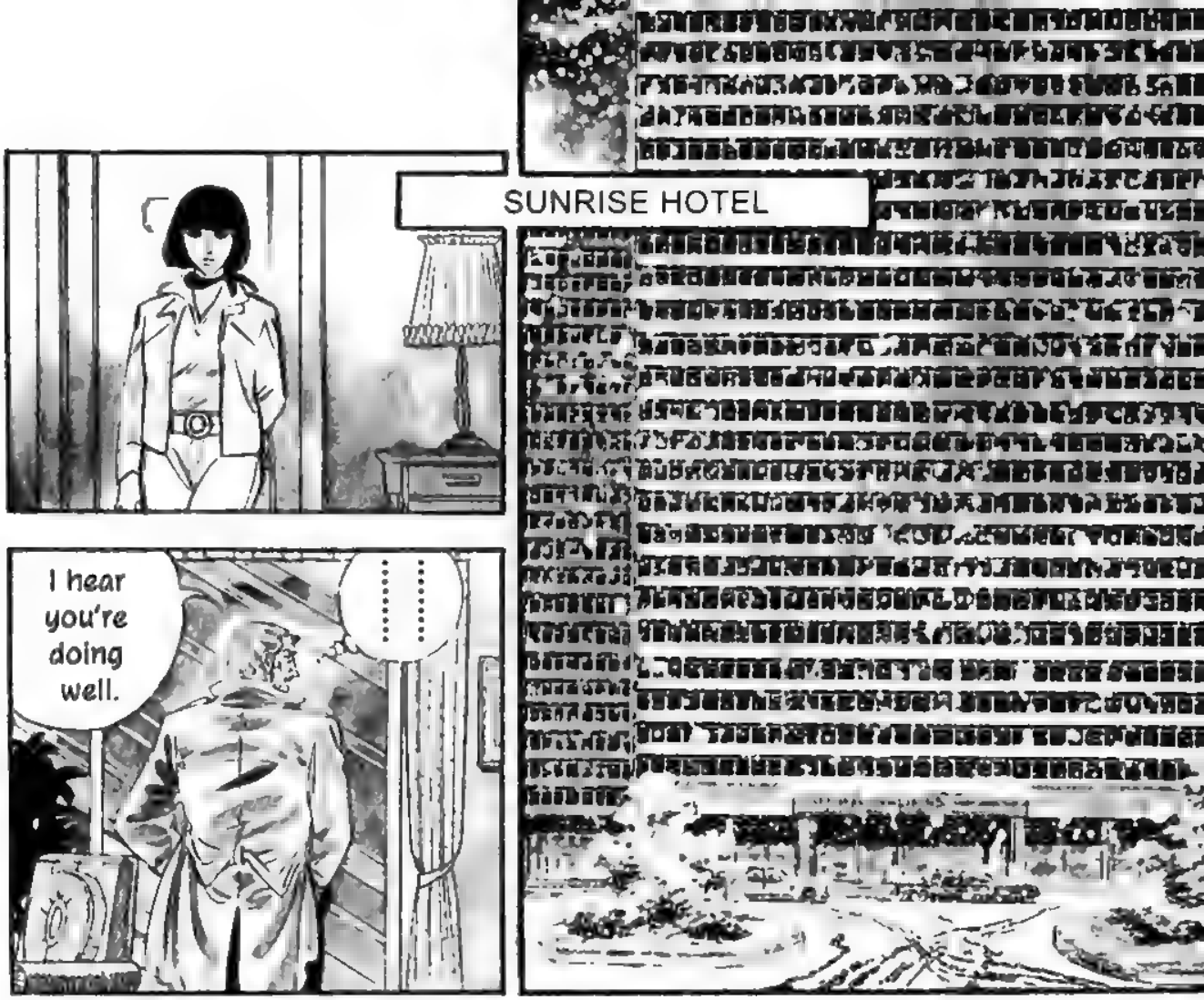
9 Street
SCREECH
It's been a while, Charlie.
Doll...

THE LONGEST DAY

NEW YORK

A city of drugs and crime...
Charlie Braun once left this city, but now he has come back...

...to these streets so beloved by New Yorkers.
WESTERN
CONCO
ON
STRIKE


SUNRISE HOTEL
I hear you're doing well.
.....
.....
...why have you come back?
Charlie...
...the day you suddenly walked away.
And / will never forget...
I just can't get forget this city.

Bob's getting old. I can see the outline of your holster.
You need a new tailor, Doll.
Got any booze?
Bob is as skilled as ever.
You remember his style...

.....
Freeze! Put your hands up!

Knock it off, Charlie ...

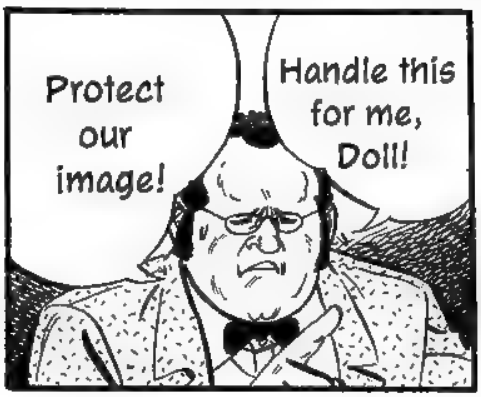
.....
Ooo...

.....
Don't stand in the doorway! Open the door and step aside! That's... what they taught us.
Even when it comes to old friends, throw away your emotions! Feelings are forbidden in this job!

Yes?
NOK
NOK
NOK
NOK
Charlie Braun.
That's all right, Captain. This is Charlie.
Oh, you have a visitor...
Doll!
KA-CHAK!
No.
Charlie Braun? I feel like I've heard that name somewhere... Have we met?
It's a pleasure.
Charlie ...!
Take care, Doll.
Seems you've got urgent business.

.....
.....
.....
KA-CHAK
He came back!
Yes.
.....
Tom is here?!
He was?
Doll, the guest in Room 625 was a skipper.
It's Tom... the man who fled town five years ago when Frank Rogers nearly killed him.
I think he wants revenge on Rogers! Tom toyed around with his little sister.

...this is Frank Rogers we're talking about.
Yes...
If Tom is back, there'll be trouble!


Protect our image!
Handle this for me, Doll!

.....

...but it mustn't happen at the *Sunrise Hotel*!
Those gangsters can take their feud anywhere...
I understand, Captain.

.....
...your *mentor*?
I just remembered! Wasn't Charlie Braun...
A freelance detective?

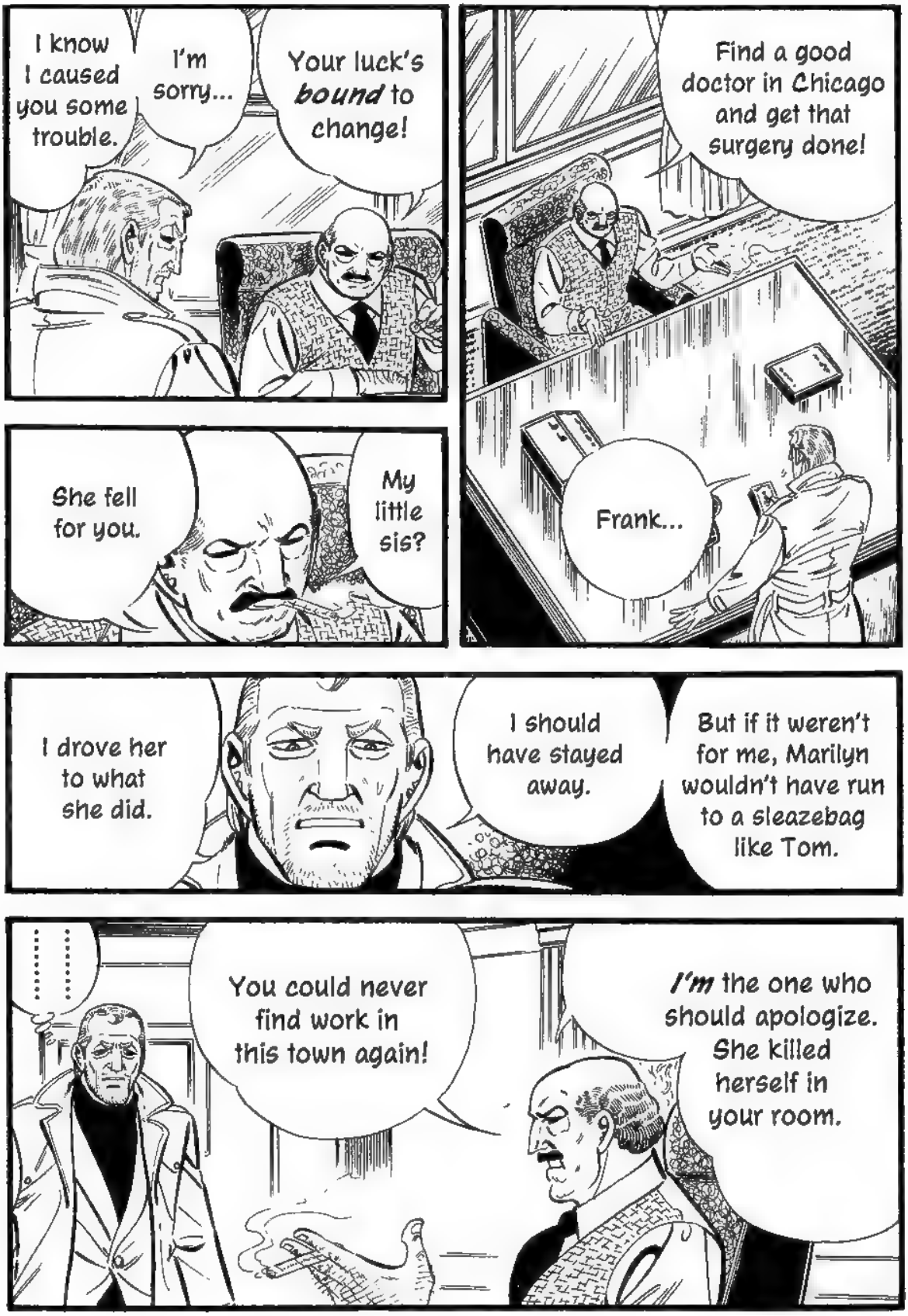
……
……
TNK

RUB
RUB

625

How long we gotta stay in here, huh?

Do you have to leave?
Yeah.
My feelings about that won't change.
ONE W
ON
.....
You've always been this way.
CHAK
I don't need this much, Frank...


I know I caused you some trouble.
I'm sorry...
Your luck's *bound* to change!
Find a good doctor in Chicago and get that surgery done!
Frank...
She fell for you.
My little sis?
I drove her to what she did.
I should have stayed away.
But if it weren't for me, Marilyn wouldn't have run to a sleazebag like Tom.
.....
You could never find work in this town again!
I'm the one who should apologize. She killed herself in your room.

.....
I'm sorry for what she did to you.
I trusted you, no matter what people said.
Forget about it, Charlie.
Enough about her.
.....
KA-CHAK
Boss!

Oh, uh... Charlie...
What's the problem?!
Can't you see I'm with someone?!
I'll let you know when I get there.
Thanks, Frank.
You're leaving?
He took some broad to the Sunrise Hotel!
What ?!
Tom's back in town!
Boss!

.....
Oooo..
Oh he did, did he...?

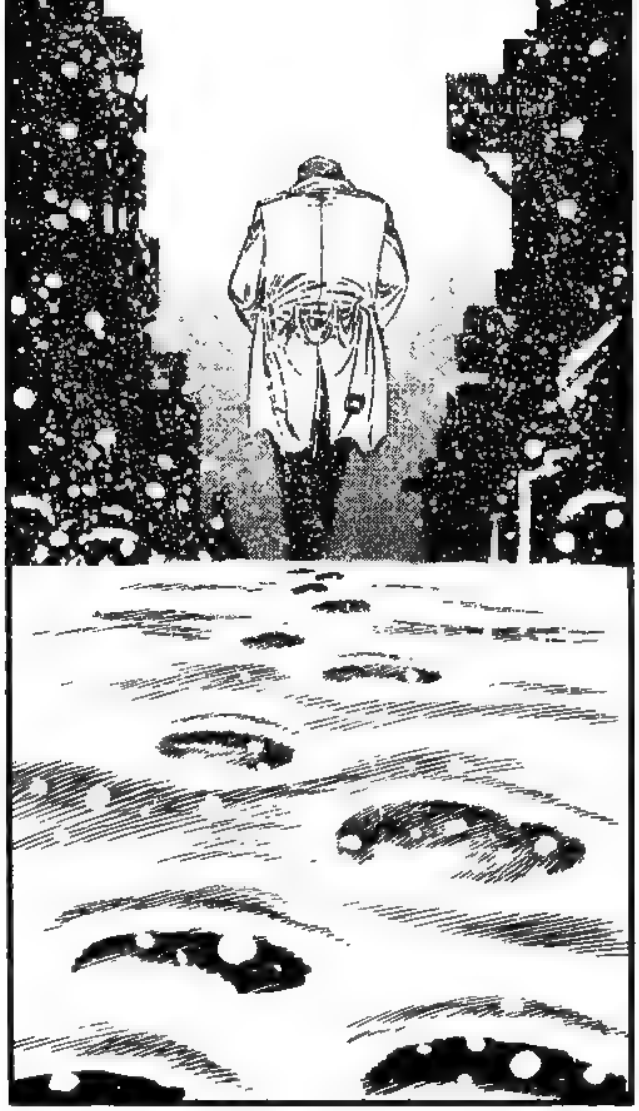
You'll look much younger!
This'll look great, Charlie!

TAILOR

No, make that tomorrow *evening*, Bob.
I need them tomorrow morning.
I never thought I'd tailor for you again.
I'm so pleased! This is just like the good ol' days!
Huh?! Why the hurry?! You're not leaving again are you?!
You met her, didn't you?
You...
.....
.....
...the way I did five years ago?
Am I going to have to console Doll...

.....
But really you're just a coward putting up a front!
You were so proud of your *steel heart*! Always going on about how feelings interfere with work!
Enough, old man!
...will break through that steel heart!
You're afraid that Doll...
.....
.....
.....
I'll finish your clothes like you want!
.....
Get out, you damn coward!

KCHIK
カチ
……
KCHUK
ハンカチ



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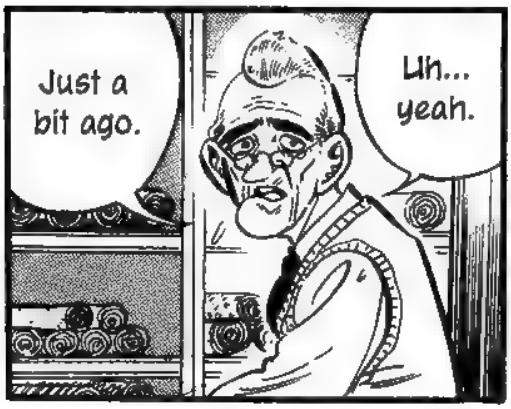
Has Charlie been here?


Just a bit ago.
Uh... yeah.

CREAK
Doll!

He isn't a detective anymore, is he?

Doll, something's been bothering me...

Why do you ask, Bob?

Hm?

Did he say where he was going?

No...

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He was wearing a gun just like he used to.

In those clothes, *anyone* would notice.

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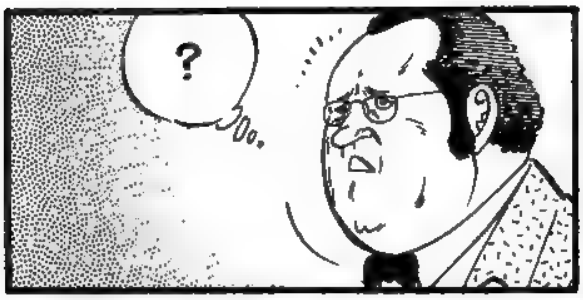
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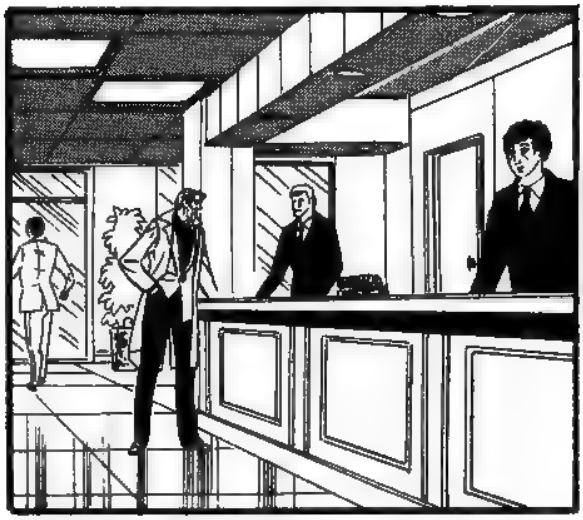

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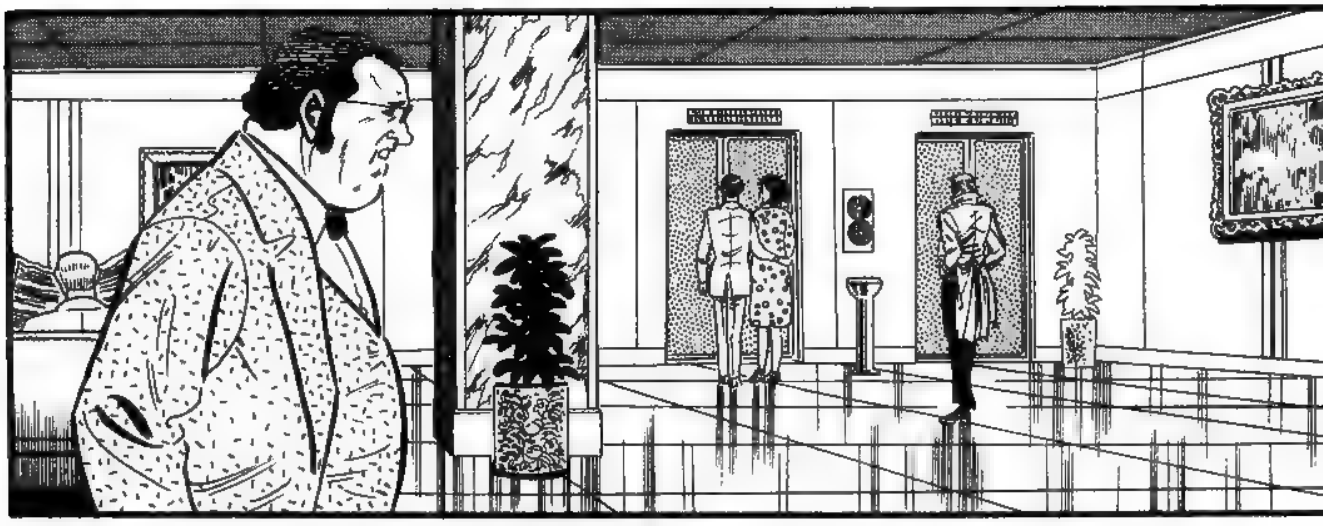


How long're we gonna keep this up?!
I mean it, Tom!
Shut up!! I'm *thinkin'*!
Let's get the hell outta-
I'm sick of it!
Yes, who is it?
NOK NOK
FWAP

No.
Did you order something?
Who're you?!
?!
KA-CHAK
Yes?
!!
Who is it?
Ch-Charlie!!
Y-You!!
WAP

If you've come back for revenge on Frank, just give up and get outta town!
He already knows you're here.
Long time no see, Tom.
...do you want?!
Wh-What the hell...
So get lost!
I don't want him to sin on account of scum like you.
!!
BLAM!
Tch!
SWIP
SHF

Eeek!!
.....
Hm? Why, Captain?
Oh, were you out, Doll?

!!
I saw Charlie and thought he must be visiting you.
.....
??
WHOOSH
Doll?!
WHOOSH

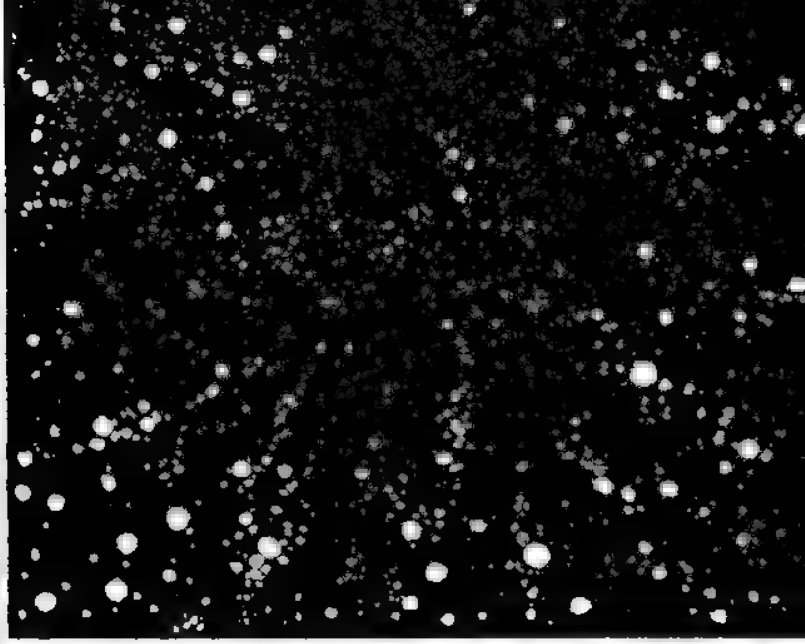
I just did what *you* would have.
That's all right.
Yeah. It's all over, Frank.
ガチャッ
KA-CHAK
!!
……

That's no way to enter a room with an armed man in it.
What a horrible entrance, Doll.
Throw down your gun, Charlie!
KCHIK
Now you tell me to throw down my gun? That's not how I taught you.
So... what're you gonna do?
SWOOSH
You got that right!!
I serve the Sunrise Hotel! Addressing untoward events here...
...is my duty!

ドゴォ
BLAM!

PAT
PAT
PAT
PAT

!
.....
You came to pick up Charlie's clothes?
Doll!
Heh heh heh...
Well, well, well...
Just a moment. I need to sew a button on the cuff.
I see...!



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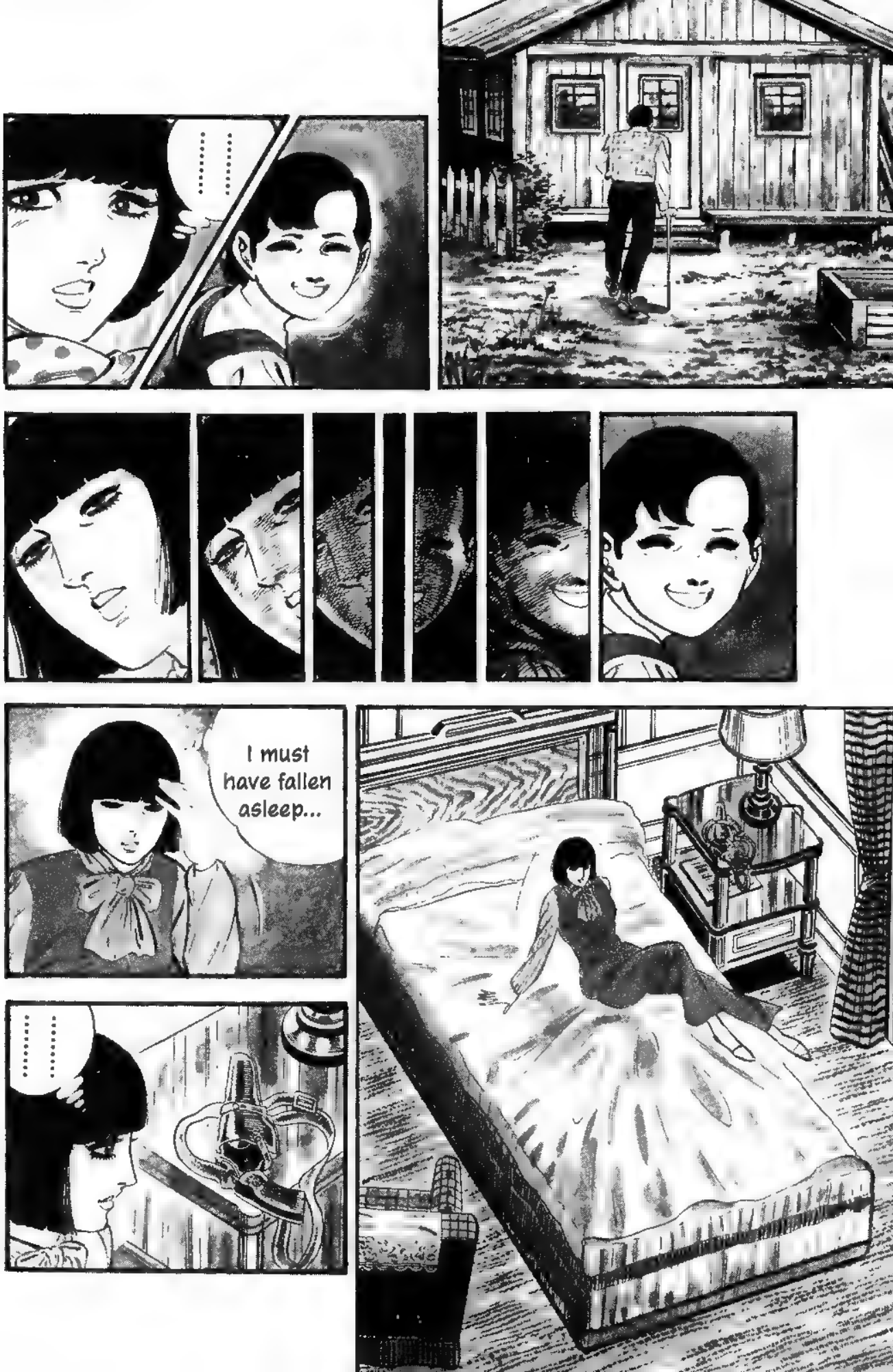
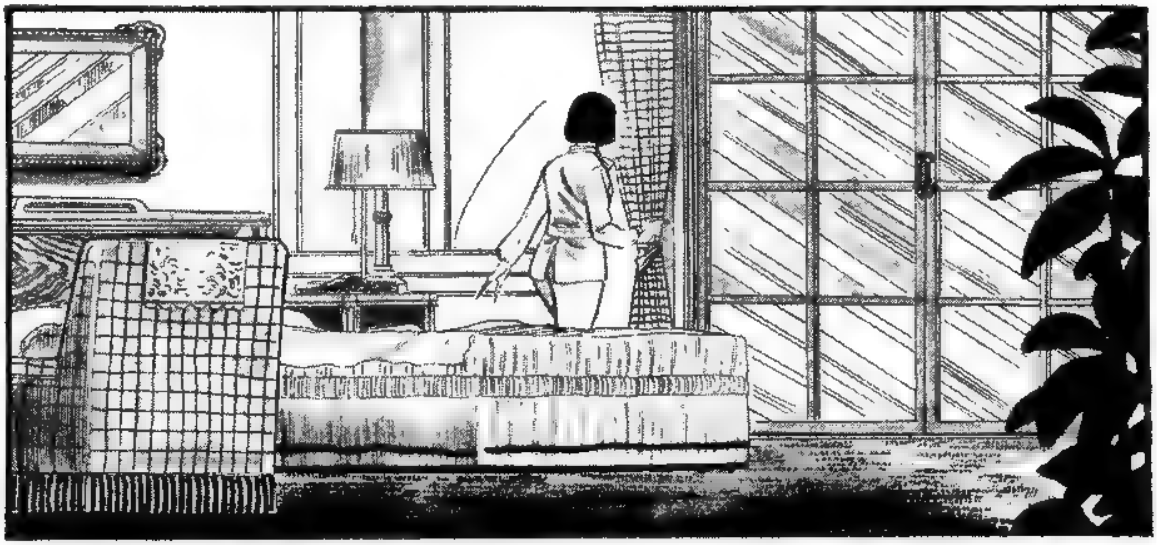
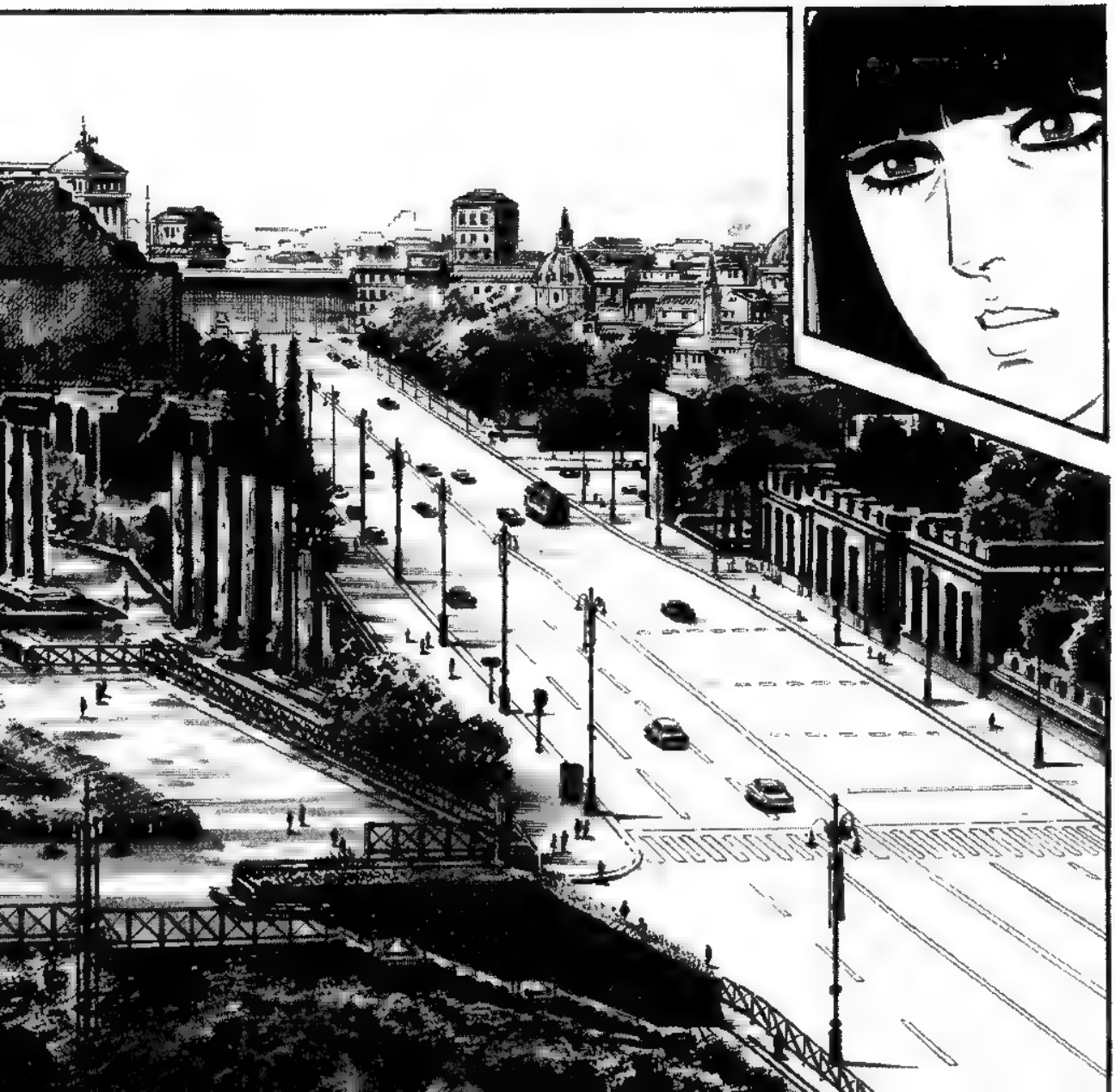
#3
ROME IN THE TWILIGHT

I can't climb!
I c-can't!
ズル ズル…… "SLIDE
……
But I can't, Daaad!
Keep your body closer to the trunk!
Boys don't whine! Climb, Bob!!

HUP
HUP
SPROING
Wow, Sis!
.....
.....
Sis climbed it!!
She did it, Dad!
.....


I must have fallen asleep...





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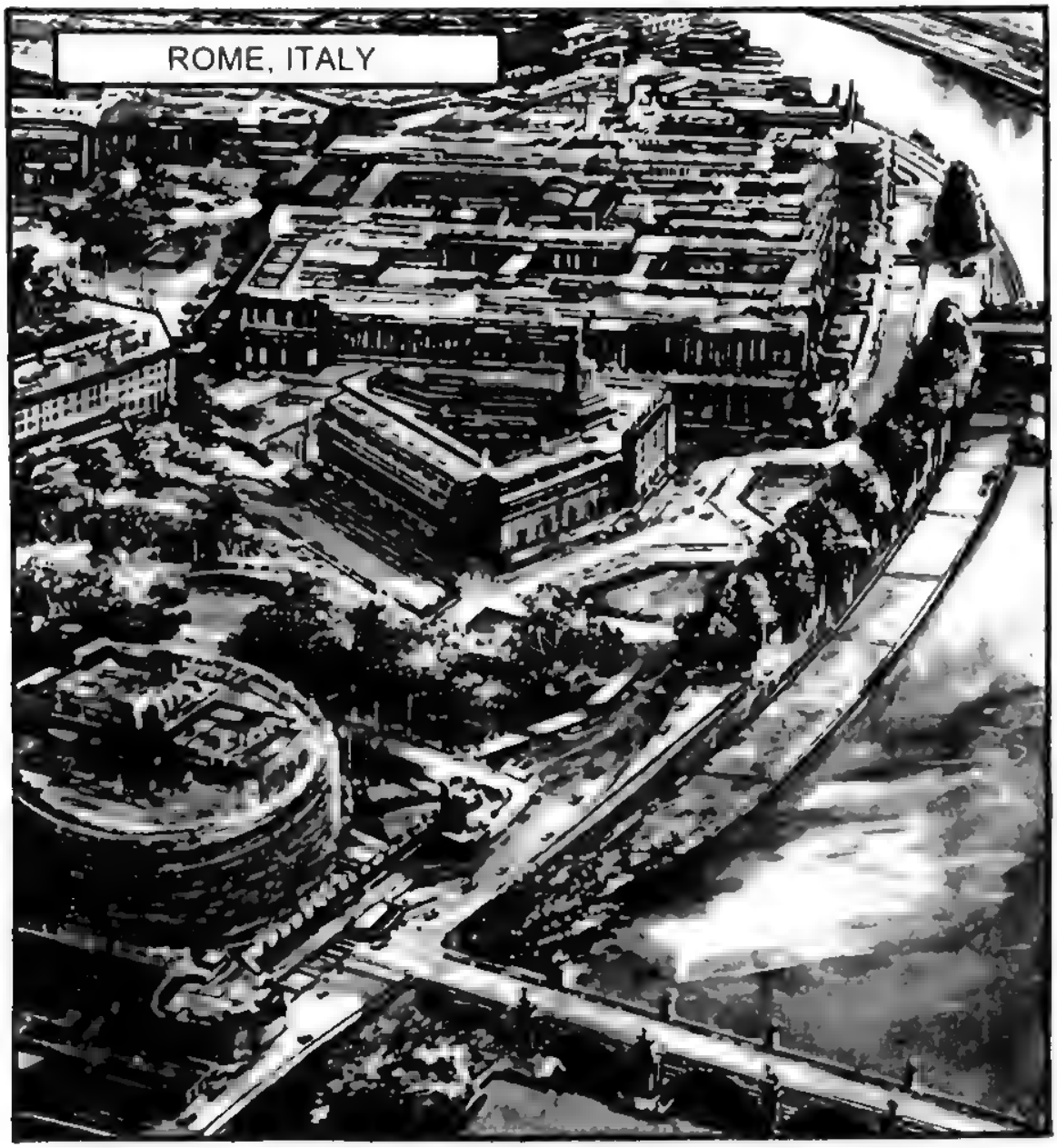
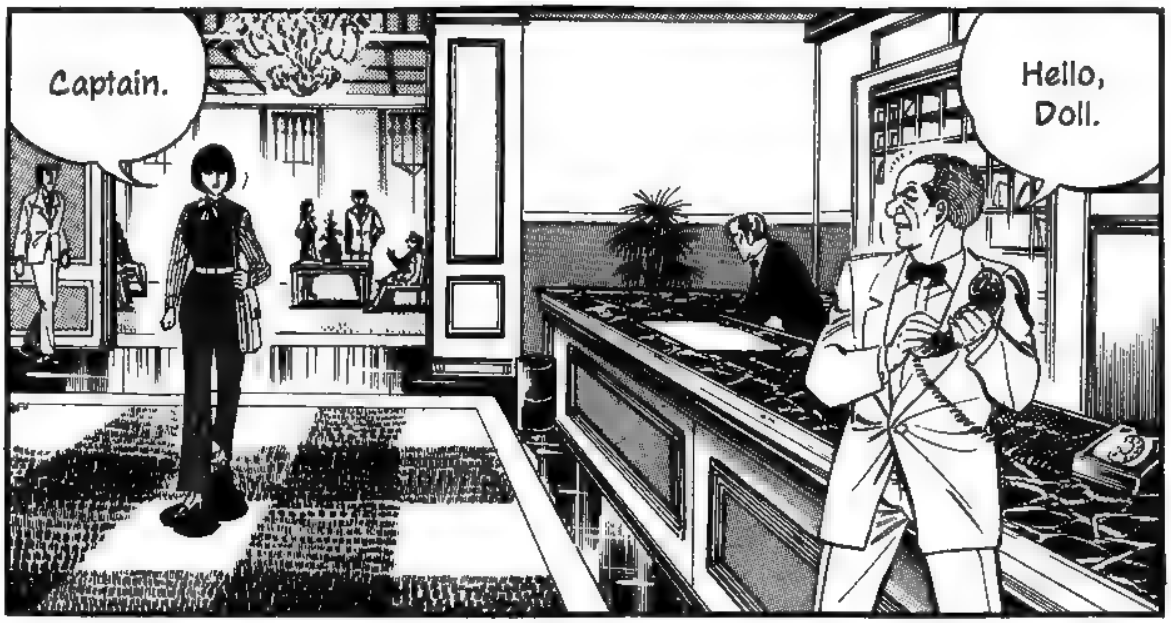


ROME IN THI

With a history stretching back 3,000 years, this is one of the world's oldest cities. Each day, tourists flood its streets. It is the ***Eternal City***...

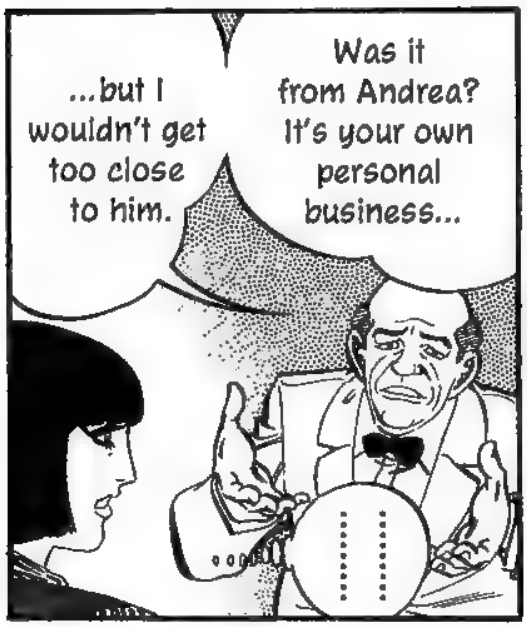
Andrea!
SMACK
...
Andrea!
I want to look good for you...
How do I look, Andrea?
You bought *another* dress?!

SUNRISE HOTEL


Captain.
Hello, Doll.

For me?
A call for you.

Yes, I understand. I'll go right away.
Huh...?
Hello?


...but I wouldn't get too close to him.
Was it from Andrea? It's your own personal business...

I doubt you'd fall for a guy like that, but keep your head.

Doll!

.....
Bye.
We don't have that kind of relationship.

You don't fool me! I saw it with my own eyes!!

.....

You tried to steal that jewel!!

BAR
PALOMBI

Say something, Doll!
If I get into trouble with the police, no one will trust me at work!
Did he actually run out with the jewel?
...so I went near the door for a good look in the light!
Like I said, you were busy with another customer...
I don't believe you!
Then there's no use pressing charges.
...but I'm certain he-
N-No...
You're a detective for Sunrise Hotel?!
!!
On the contrary, he could charge *you* with slander.

I can't just let this-
B-But, Doll!
Let's go, Andrea.
I'll sue you for slander!
Yeah... that's right! Slander!
So come on.
This happened because *you* behaved suspiciously.
The look on his face when he found out you were a Sunrise Hotel detective!
You've got real power! The whole Sunrise Group is behind you!

.....
...just mis-understood!
Huh?! No way! That shop owner...
...surely you didn't try to...
Andrea ...

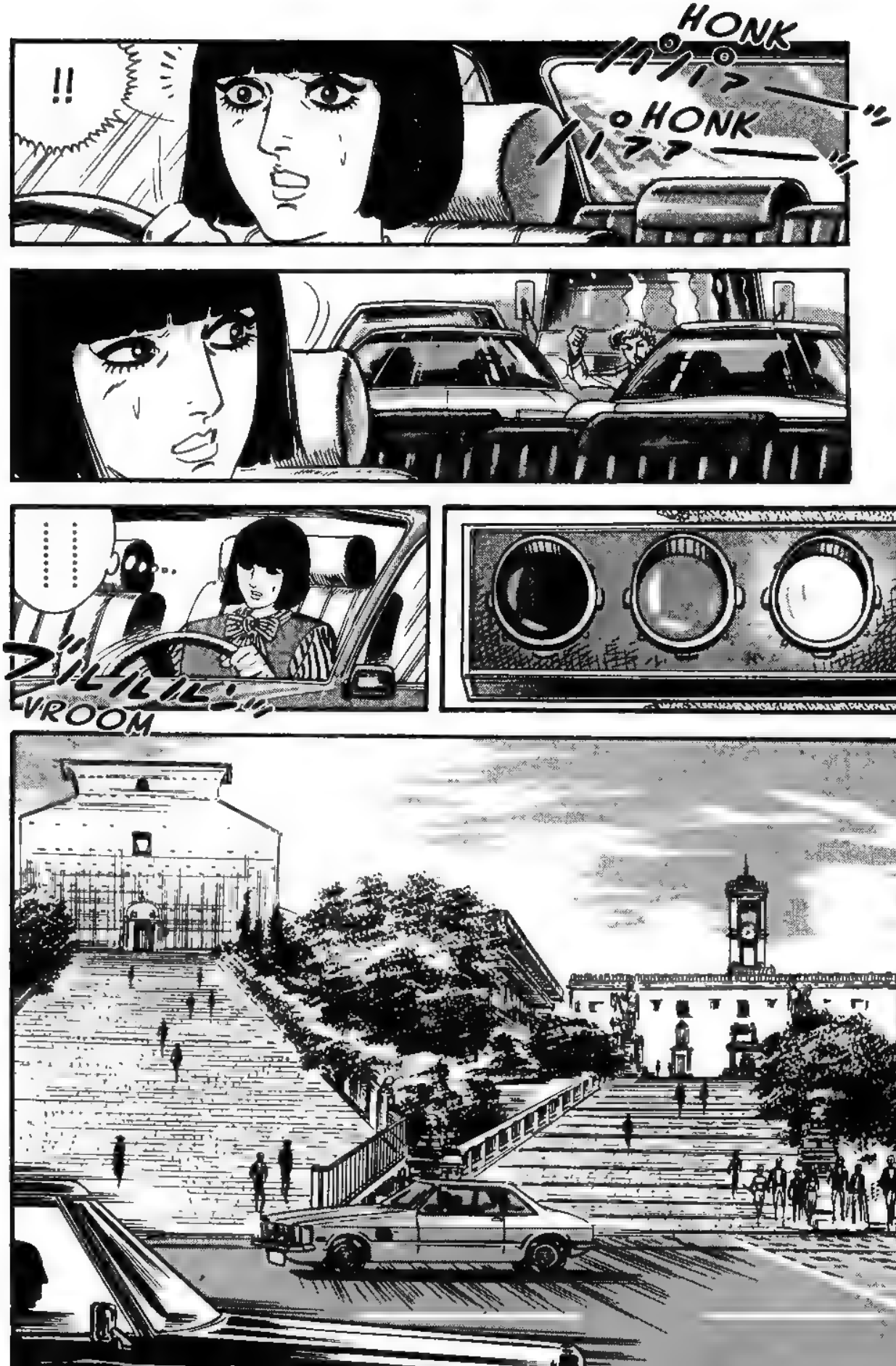
Do you stare longingly like that when you see *me* off?
Silvana!

.....
VROOOOM

D-Don't be ridic-ulous!
...but I think you've fallen for her!
You said you were just using her...
Really?! Does that mean you tried...
...to steal that jewel for me?
I love no one but you, Silvana!
...thinking about buying it for you!
That old fart misunderstood! But I was...
Y-You saw that?
Huh? Wait, Silvana!
You don't have the guts to steal!
I should've known!

KRIK
.....

Ugh!
KOFF
KOFF
KLAK
S-
Someone!
Someone
help!
Father!!
.....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HONK
HONK
.....
VROOM

What a nice hotel!
On a cheap tour like this, I was worried, but...
We at Holiday Travel chose this top-notch hotel...
...just for you, our dear customers!

They're tourists from America!

What's our room like?!
We're Mr. and Mrs. Henley!
Where's our room?!
Welcome...

...but we can't have third-rate travel companies coming here.
You may play them for suckers...
They're great customers! Americans are loaded!
This is the Sunrise Hotel!

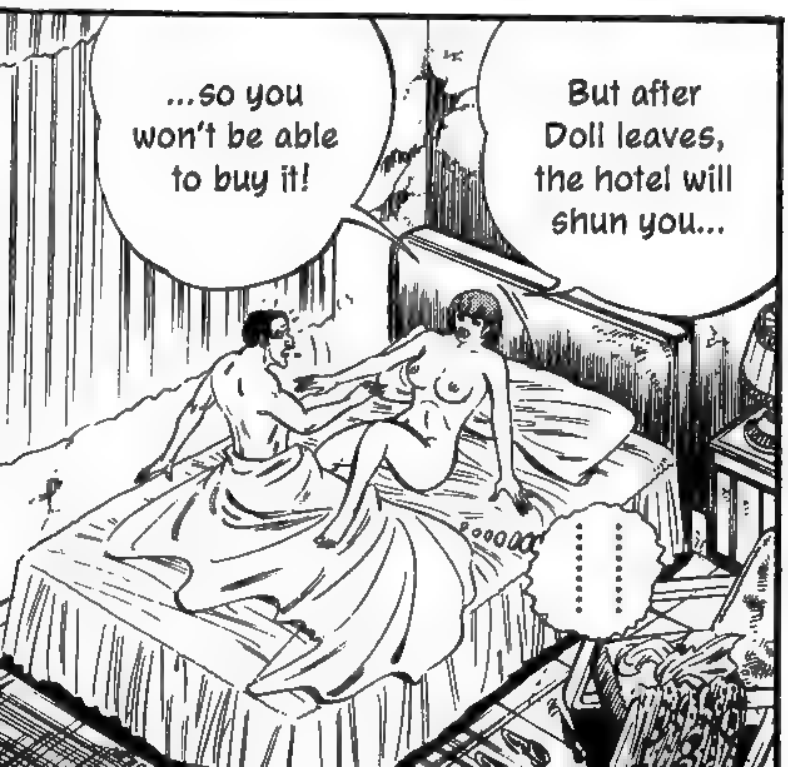
Yes, and this month will be the end of it.

That third-rate company is sending profits your way!
How can you say that?!

Once she leaves, Sunrise Hotel will forbid Holiday Travel from booking rooms.
We only let you come here because Doll introduced you.
Wh-What do you mean?!
!!
It was unusual for her to stay here so long.
She's the top detective for the entire Sunrise Hotel Group.
Really?!
Wh-What?! Doll is... Ms. Doll is leaving?!
Yes, really! She leaves tomorrow for her new assignment.
Sh-She didn't say anything! I hadn't heard!
She was going to leave without telling you...
...because she didn't want to see you *cry*.

Not here. She went out.
Where is she?!
D-Doll...
I know... It makes no sense!
It's weird. Why does Doll help that guy?
GRAZIA

Silvana!
Silvana!


...so you won't be able to buy it!
But after Doll leaves, the hotel will shun you...

You know... I found a great jewel ...

.....
Uoooo

J-Just shut up!!
It's all over!
Your shabby travel company only gets customers because of this place hotel anyway!
?
Huh?!
...get rich while we can?
So why don't we...
You want me to steal the cash they brought?!
...you brought here!
Take advantage of those rich Americans...
I want an *emerald*... No, a big *diamond*. And a *ruby*! And a *sapphire*! Tee hee hee!
I'm not talking about that chump change...
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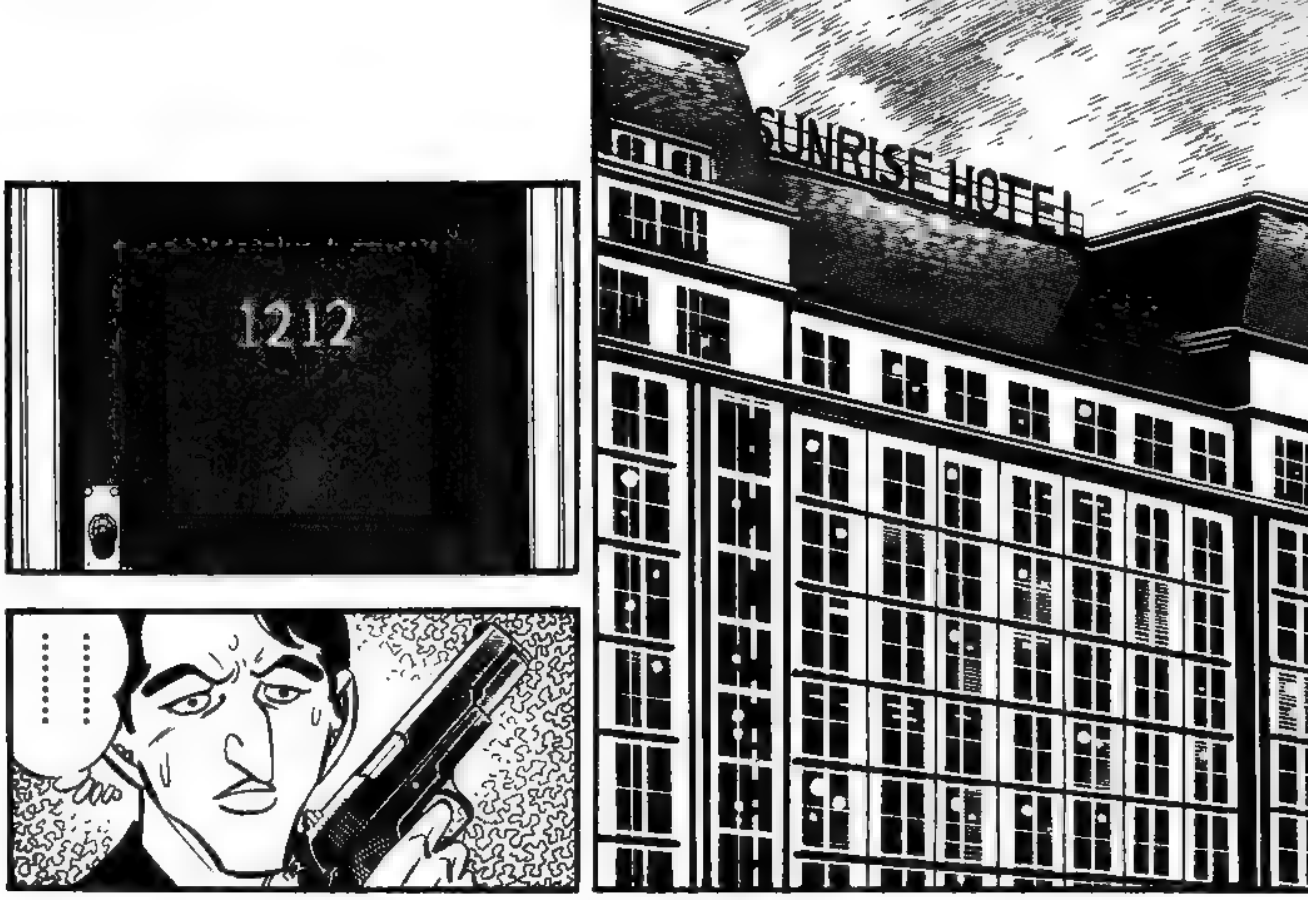
The tour guide said he would take it to the front desk for me.
Yes.
Did you return the room key?


SUNRISE HOTEL
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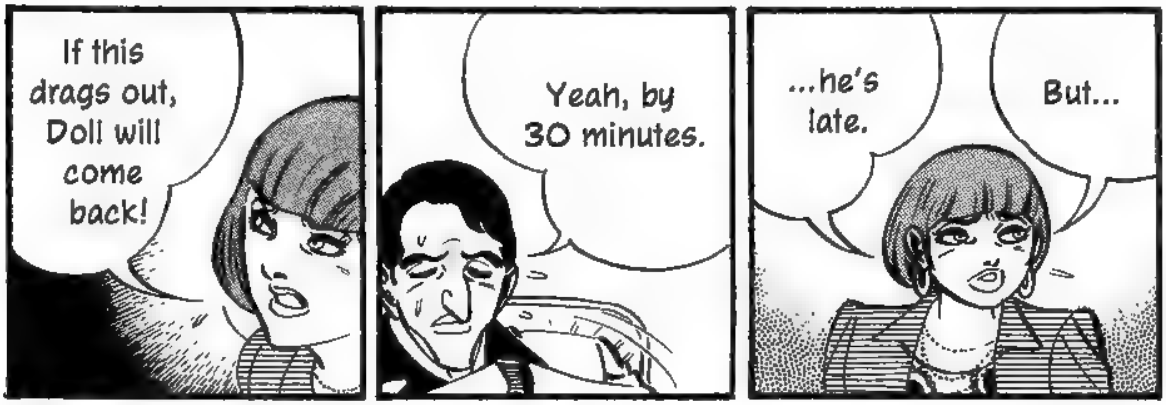
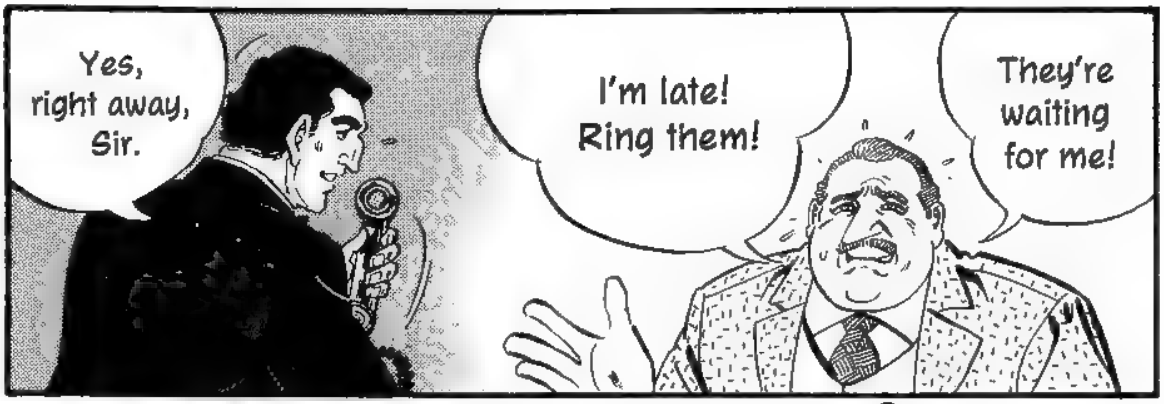
I'm just gonna threaten him...
A gun! I'm impressed!


If this drags out, Doll will come back!
Yeah, by 30 minutes.
...he's late.
But...

Ooh, nice!
Don't worry. I asked her to meet me across town.
She'll be waiting forever! Ha ha ha!
Your final request to her...
Argh! I'm late! Which room are Mr. and Mrs. Henley in?
I believe they are out, but-
Maybe they didn't feel like sightseeing.
The key's not here. Perhaps they *are* in.


Yes, right away, Sir.
I'm late! Ring them!
They're waiting for me!

He's here!
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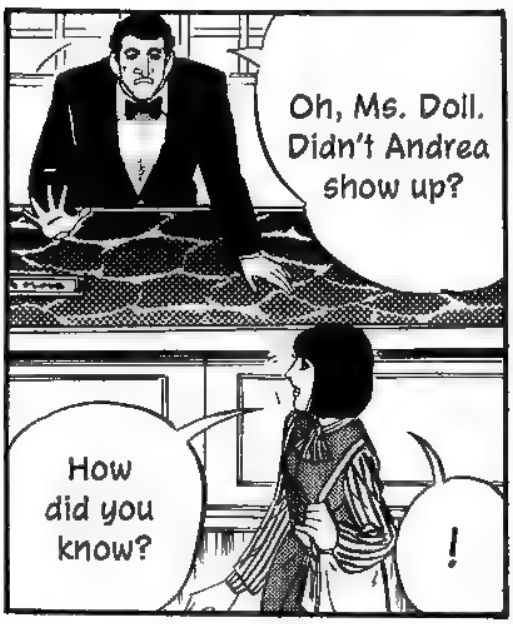
R
R
R
R

Yes, have him come up.
Hello?


Oh, Ms. Doll. Didn't Andrea show up?
How did you know?
!

.....
Like Andrea?
After Andrea called for you, I saw a man here who looked just like him.
I thought it was unusual, since he had called from outside.
Hmm...
Did you notice anything else?
Anything you found strange?
A jeweler?!
Instead, he called a jeweler up to his room!
Well, Mr. Henley in Room 1212 didn't go with the tour...
1212

Mmmph !!
You did it, Andrea!!
L-Look! It's incredible!
!!
Andrea!
D- Doll...!

!!
H-Hey!!
GRAB
I won't!! These jewels are mine! I got them!
N-No!!
Throw down the gun, Andrea!!
I won't give them to *anybody*!
BANG

BLAM

……

.....
SMACK!!!
Bob!
Bob!!
Sis!!
F-
Father!!
Bob!!
.....
Father
!!

WHOOSH
WOOSH
WHAM
Aaaaagh !!
!!
……
……

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ROME TRAIN TERMINAL

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#4
A TOWN SURROUNDED BY MOUNTAINS

Unnngh!
Ggggh!
UGH
UGH
UGH

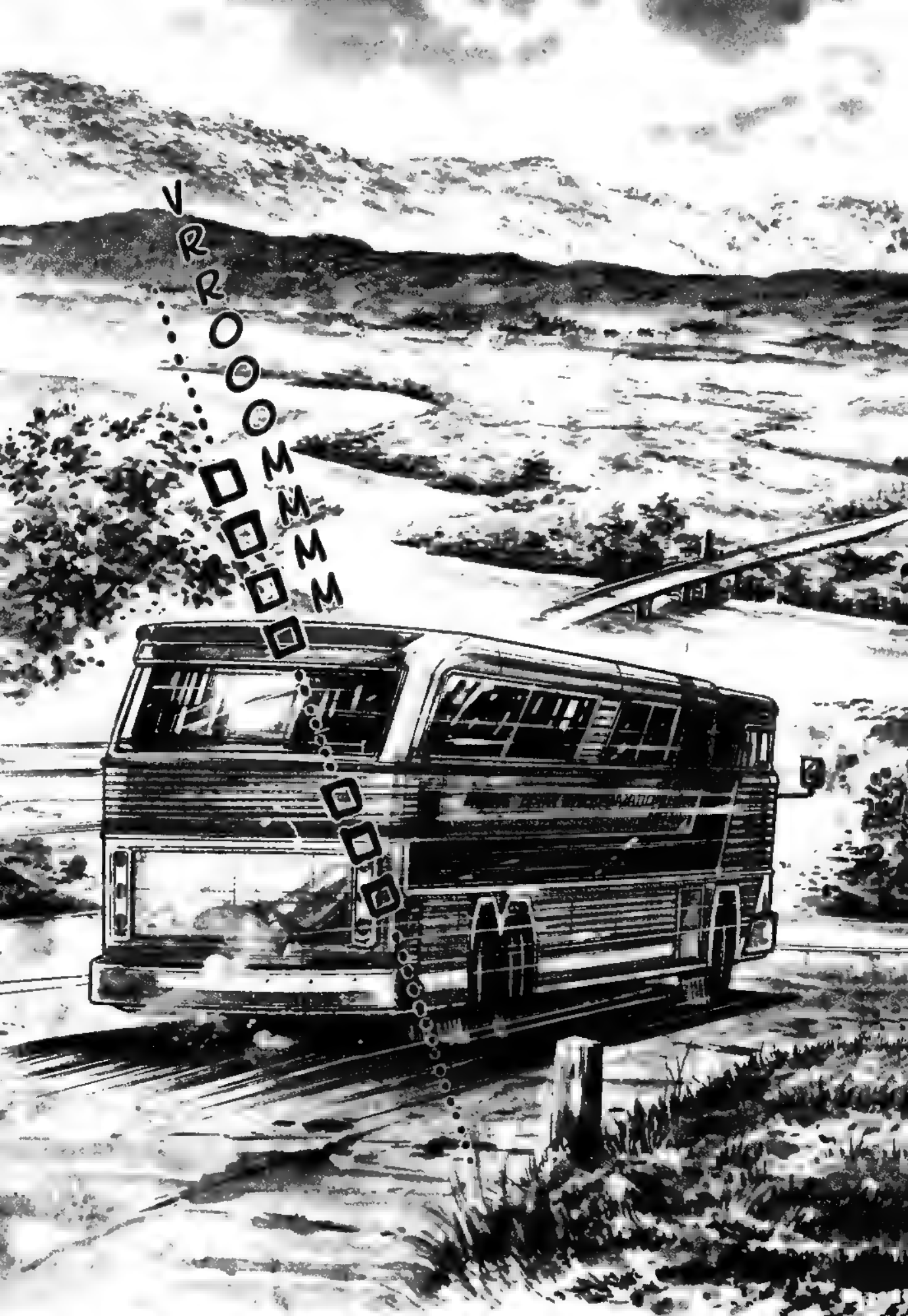
Unnngh!
!!
RRRIP

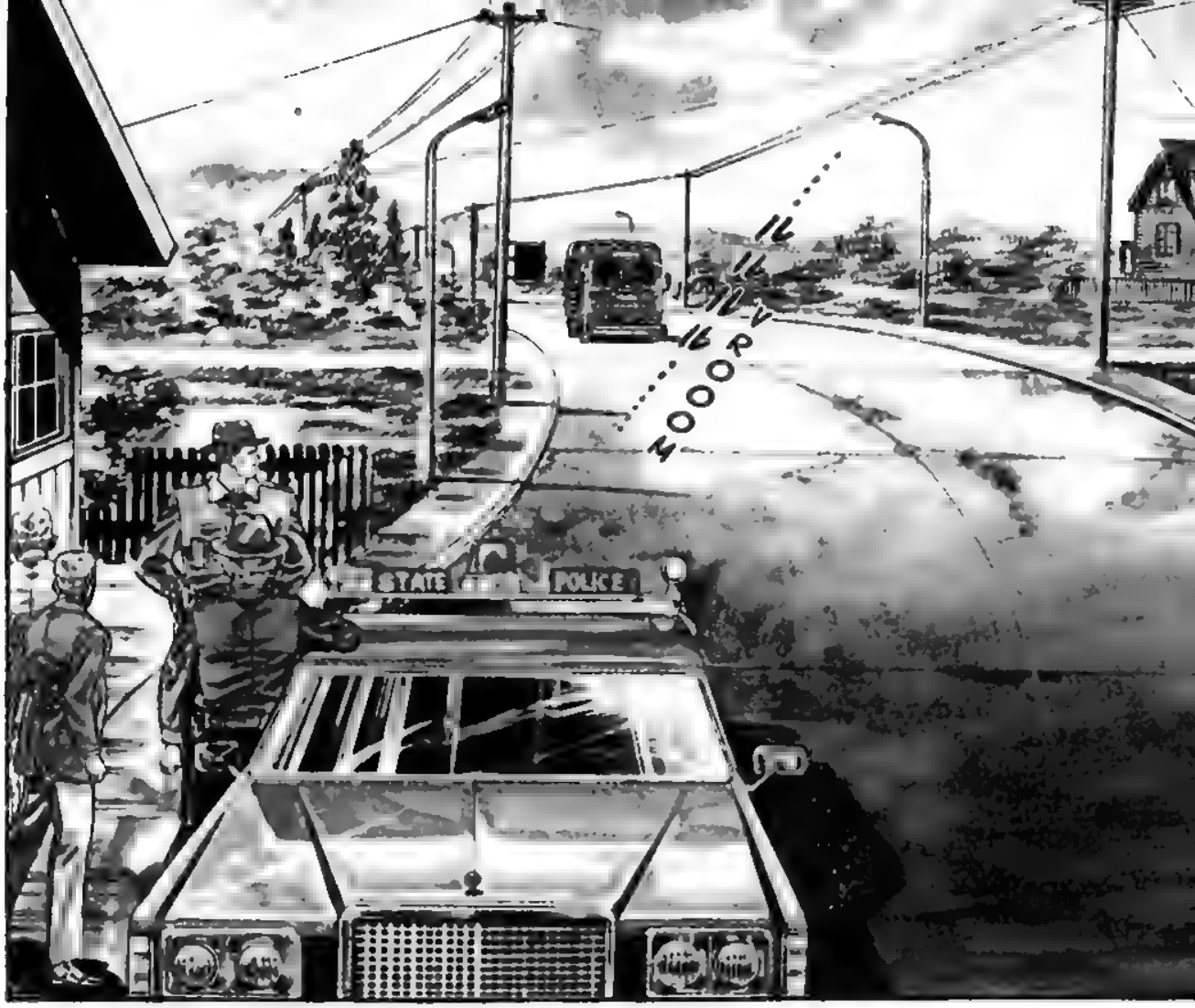
KR
VROOM
VROOM
??

Waaah!
?!

Waaah!
.....

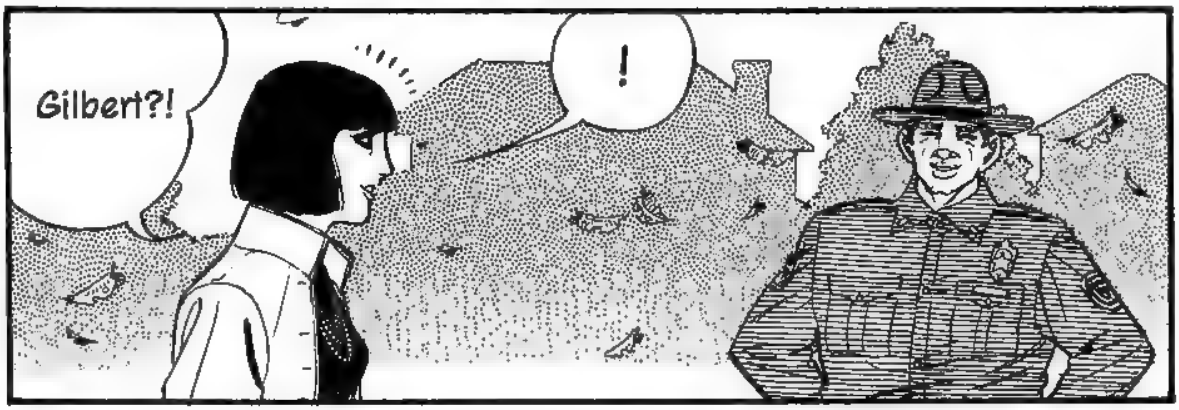
A TOWN SURROUNDED BY MOUNTAINS


VRROOOMMMM


STATE POLICE
VROOOOM

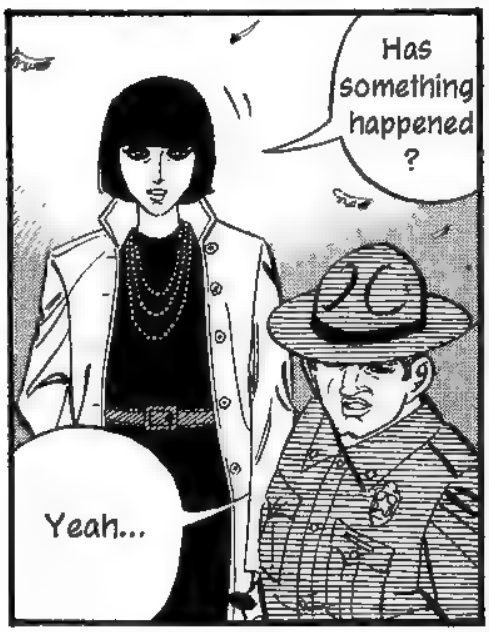
!!

!
Doll!! Why if it isn't Doll!


Gilbert?!
!

Yeah, "that" Gilbert!

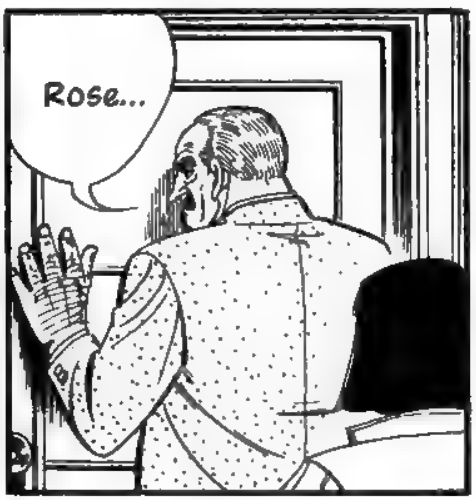
That Gilbert?!


Has something happened ?
Yeah...

Wow! You used to be a troublemaker. I never thought you would be a-
Now, now, Doll. I'm a reliable officer of the peace now...

You know Rose, don't you?
Two men raped her.
Rose?!
!!
.....
...but our inspection points will catch them!
They're drifters on motorcycles ...

She was your best friend when you were children.
Rose, you remember Doll, don't you?


Rose...

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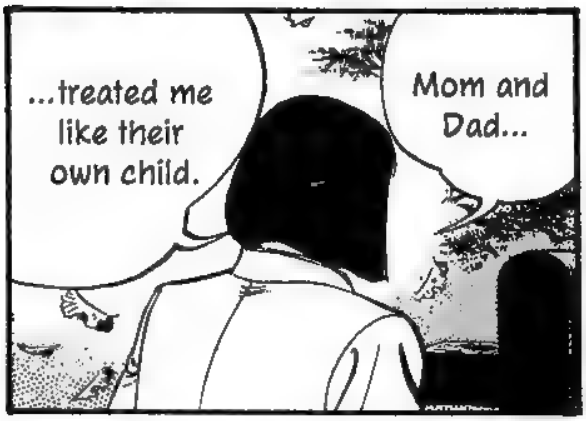
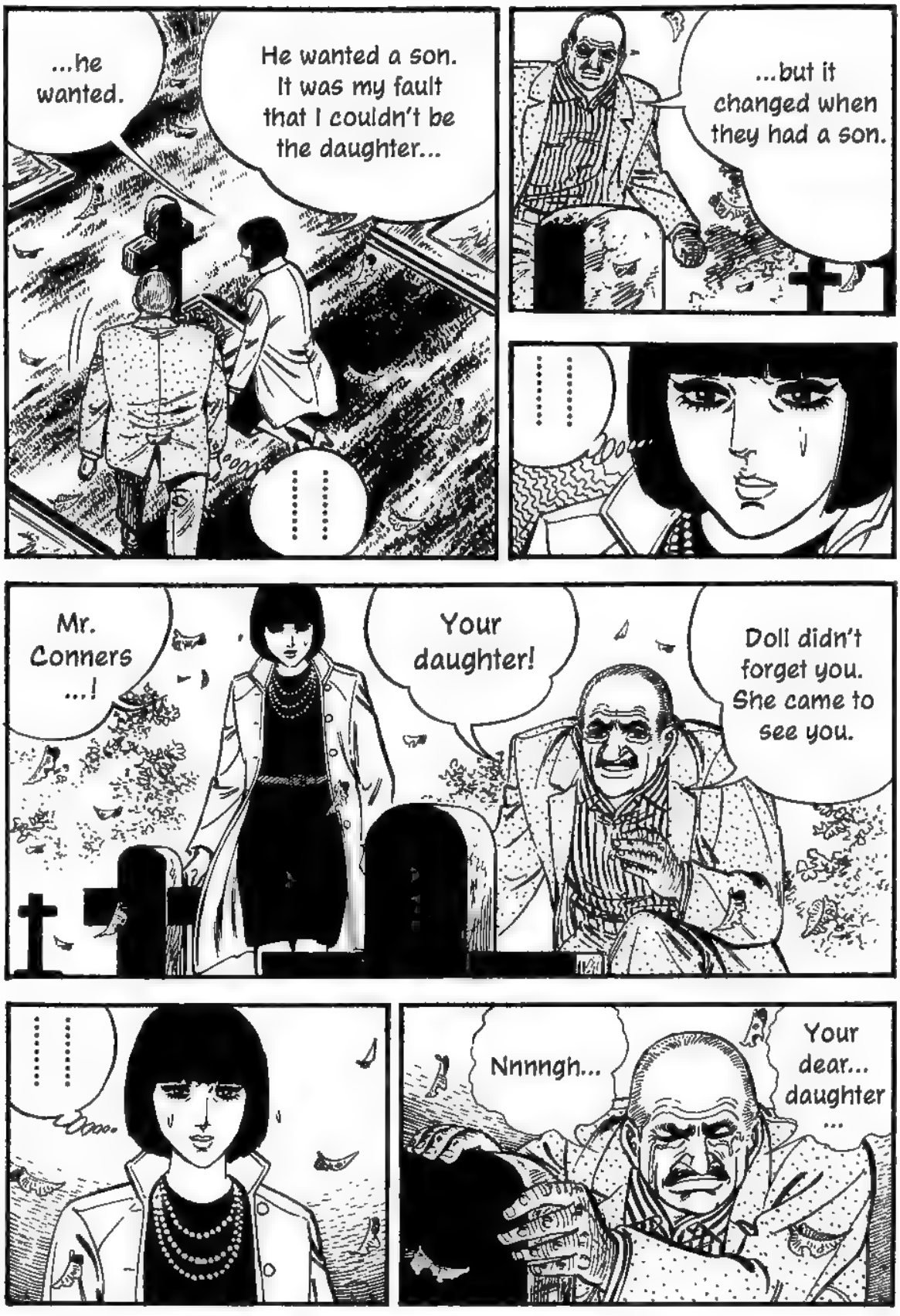

...treated me like their own child.
Mom and Dad...

That was true when they brought you back from the orphanage...

Your father would be happy. He was hard on you.
That's not true.


...he wanted.
He wanted a son. It was my fault that I couldn't be the daughter...
...but it changed when they had a son.
.....
Mr. Conners ...!
Your daughter!
Doll didn't forget you. She came to see you.
.....
Nnnngh...
Your dear... daughter ...

SHELL
BURGER DRIVE IN

They're drifters who wear masks and don't leave any clues!
An investigation is underway ...!
Got any ideas who did that to Rose?
Donald! What're you doing lazing around here?
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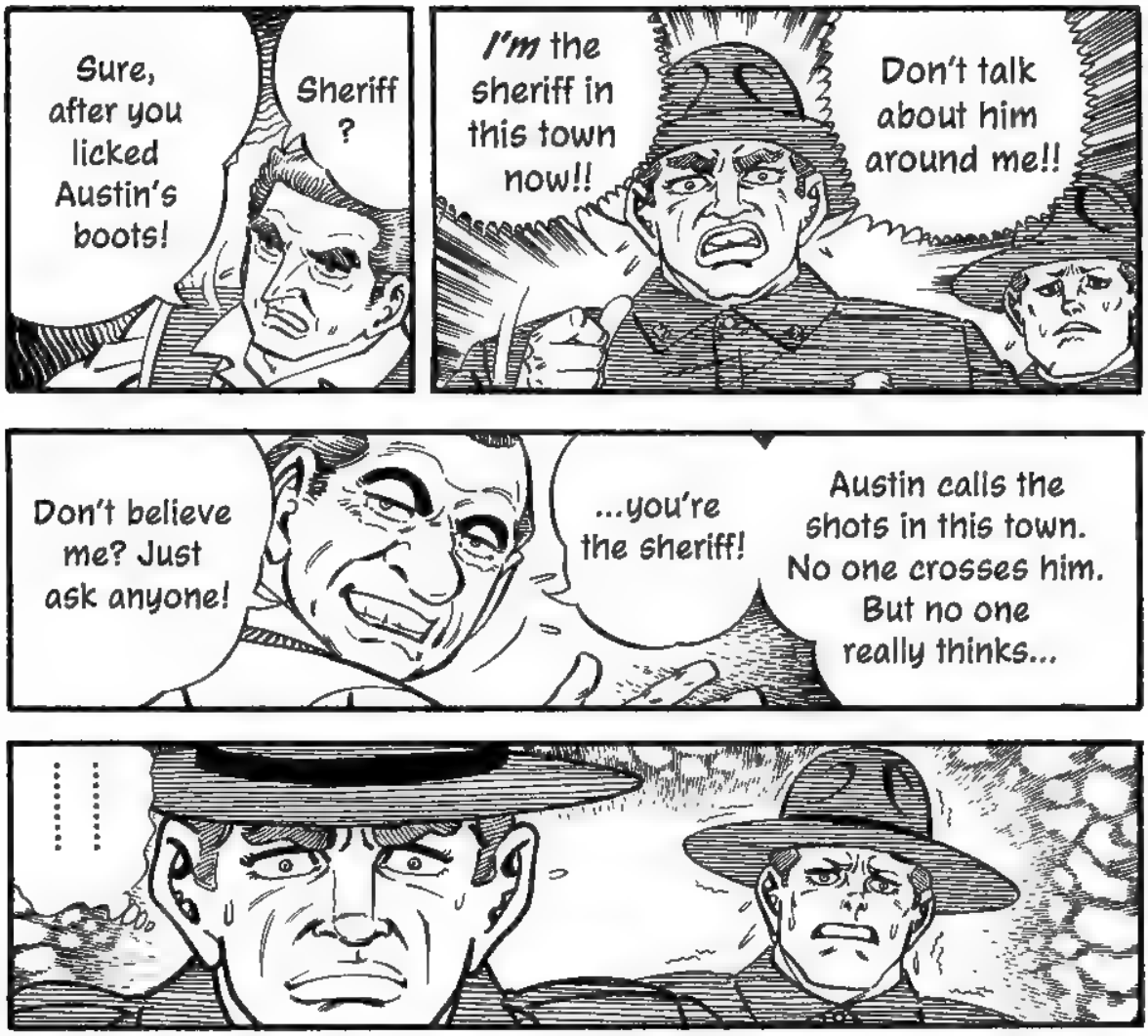
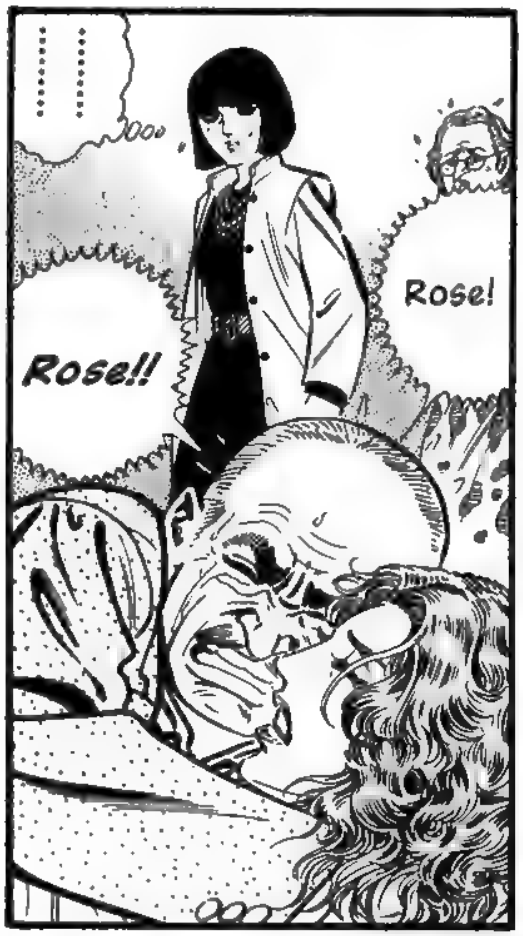
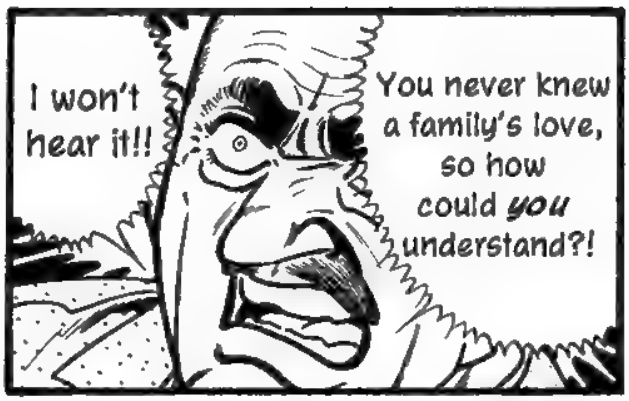
!!
This kinda thing never happened when *he* was sheriff!
Conners woulda solved this in a flash!


Sure, after you licked Austin's boots!
Sheriff ?
I'm the sheriff in this town now!!
Don't talk about him around me!!
Don't believe me? Just ask anyone!
...you're the sheriff!
Austin calls the shots in this town. No one crosses him. But no one really thinks...
.....

Your house!!
M-Mr. Conners!!
Huh?!
Rose!!
Rose!!
It's locked, and no one answers when I call!!
Rose!!

No, don't call Gilbert.
I'll find the men who drove my daughter to this!
...as drifters on the run, but it's a trick!! I'm certain of it!!
They wear masks to pass themselves off...
I don't need anyone's help! I'm certain those two men are in this town!! That they live here!!
You understand how I feel?!
!!
...but Gilbert is sheriff now.
Mr. Conners, I understand how you feel...

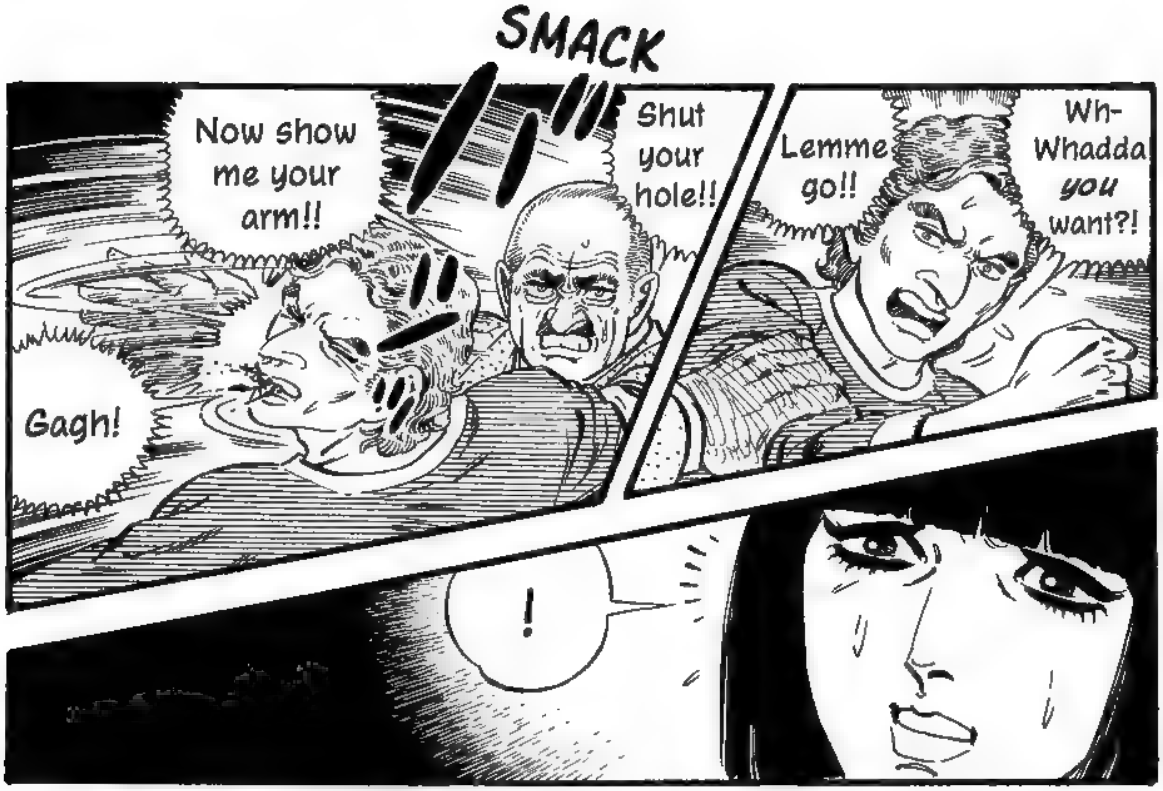

Rose!
Rose!!


I won't hear it!!
You never knew a family's love, so how could *you* understand?!

!!

Central
5200

Wh-
What're
you
doing?!
GRAB
SHUF!
I'm gonna
find him!
I swear
it!!


SMACK
Now show me your arm!!
Shut your hole!!
Gagh!
Lemme go!!
Wh-Whadda *you* want?!
!

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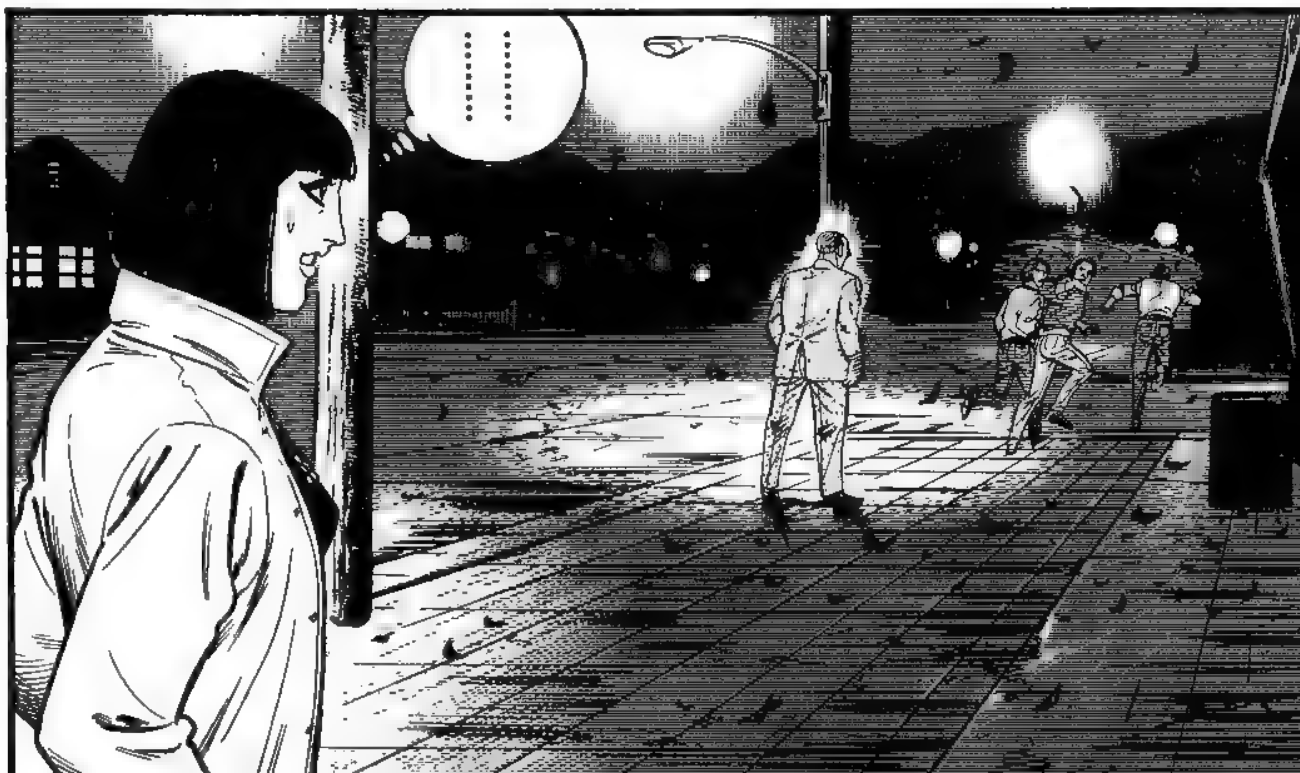
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POLICE
STATE POLICE

!!
Conners ?!

.....
...if he finds them, he'll kill them.

Yes. He's looking for the rapists himself. And...

...for his own safety.
Yes...
?
I understand. I'll have a talk with him.
If he won't listen, I'll detain him.
Of course.
If anything develops, let me know.
I'm returning to the hotel.

About what?
What're we gonna *do*?!
Wh- What're we gonna do?!
...Conners is gonna find out!!
I m- mean...
Find out *what*?

Don't be ridiculous!
He'll check us, too!
You know what! He's checking everyone in town!
They're definitely not here!
They're drifters! They've moved on by now!
I'll take care of this...
Just leave it to me.

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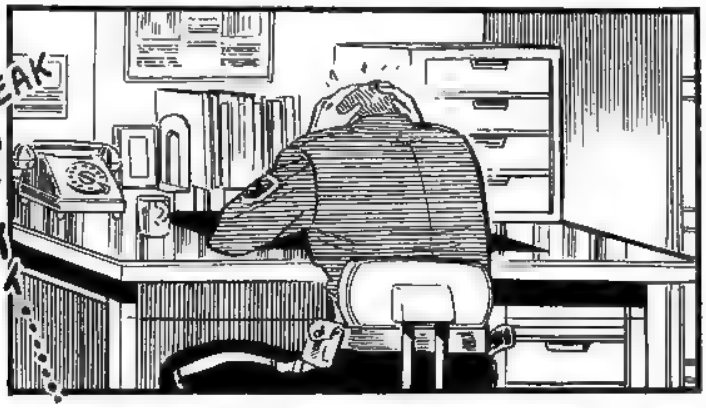
CREAK
ギィィ

If you w-want the sheriff...
...he's out right now.
キ……
SHMP

……

I want to ask you something.
Your name is Donald, isn't it?
VROOOMM

Biscuit
!!
KRIIK
Mr. Conners!
.....
We need to talk.
Would you get in, please?
I heard you're looking for Rose's attackers.
.....

...they're from this town!
No...
They're not from around here.

.....

The rapists are in this town!!
I'm sure of it!

VROOOM

You and Gilbert did it?!

We wanted Conners to leave town!!

What?!

And Gilbert went to find Conners?!
Y-Yeah, I think so...
ガクガク
We wanted to shame Rose so he'd leave!
With him here, no one takes Gilbert seriously as sheriff.
.....
But then she tried to kill herself!

TOSS
Mr. Conners ...
What is it?
!!
KCHIK
Is this what you're looking for?
SHF
!!
You're going around checking everyone's arm.
??

It was you?!
G-Gilbert!!
You shoulda just taken your daughter and left!
The first chamber's empty.
You bastard!
KLIK
カチ
SWIP
BLAM!
!!

!!
SCREECH
K-R-I-K
WHOOSH
D-Doll?!
He turned a gun on me! I had to!
M-Mr. Conners...

Wh-
What?!
I know the real reason you had to kill him.
It's no use, Gilbert.
!!
...what you two did.
It didn't take much for Donald to tell me...
You gotta understand, Doll! I just got carried away!! It was an unfortunate incident, that's all!!
Forget... Forget about it! OK, Doll?!
As an old friend, I wish I could.
And you...
Mr. Conners treasured Rose.
.....

Detective ...?
But now I am a hotel detective. I *can't* forget it.
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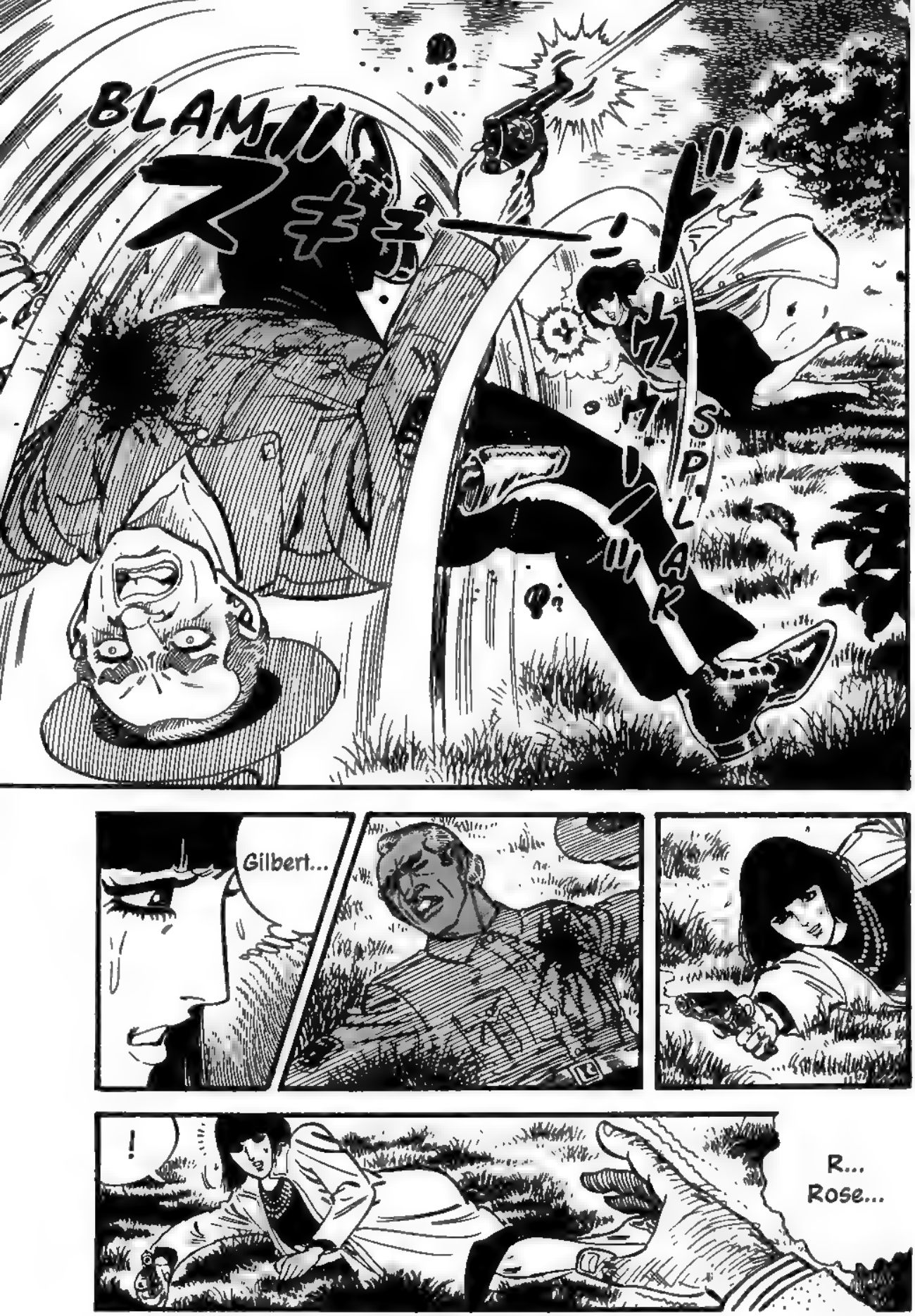
.....
Don't go for your gun.
Don't, Gilbert.
TUMP
KCHIK
Graah!
SWIP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SPLAK
Gilbert...
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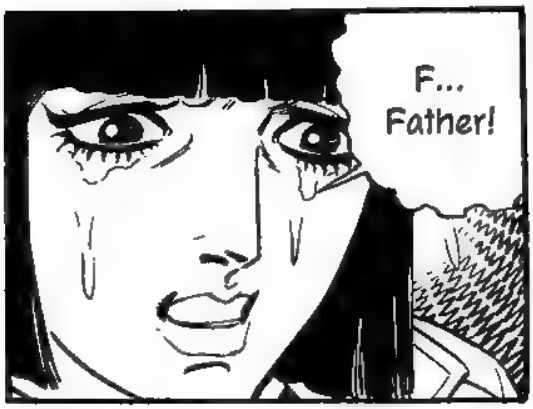
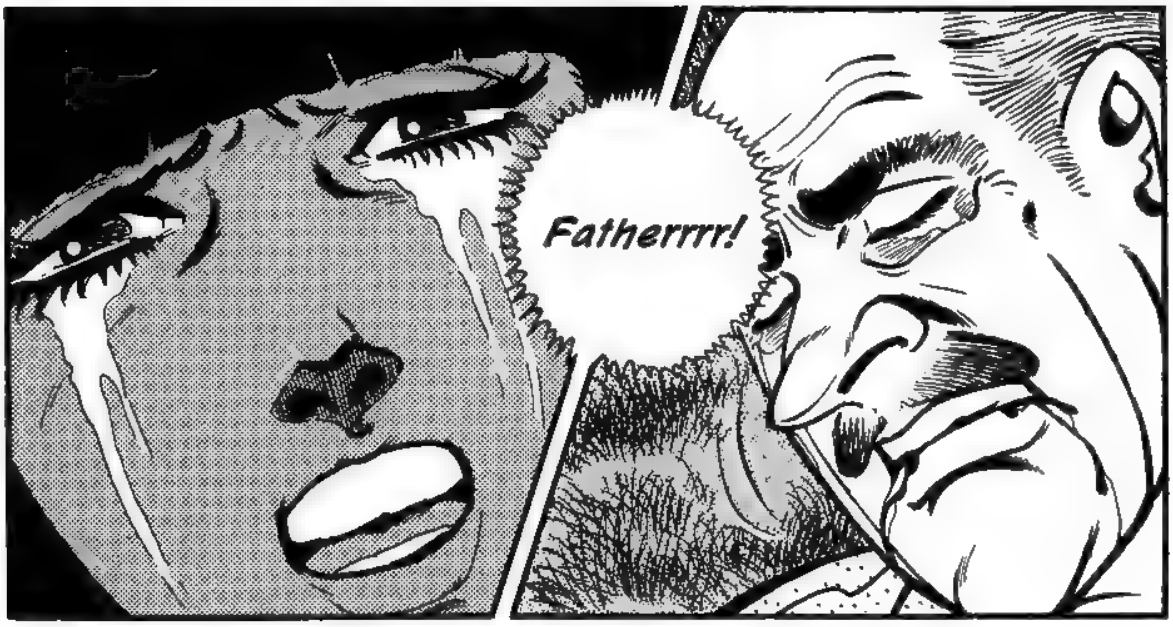
R...
Rose...





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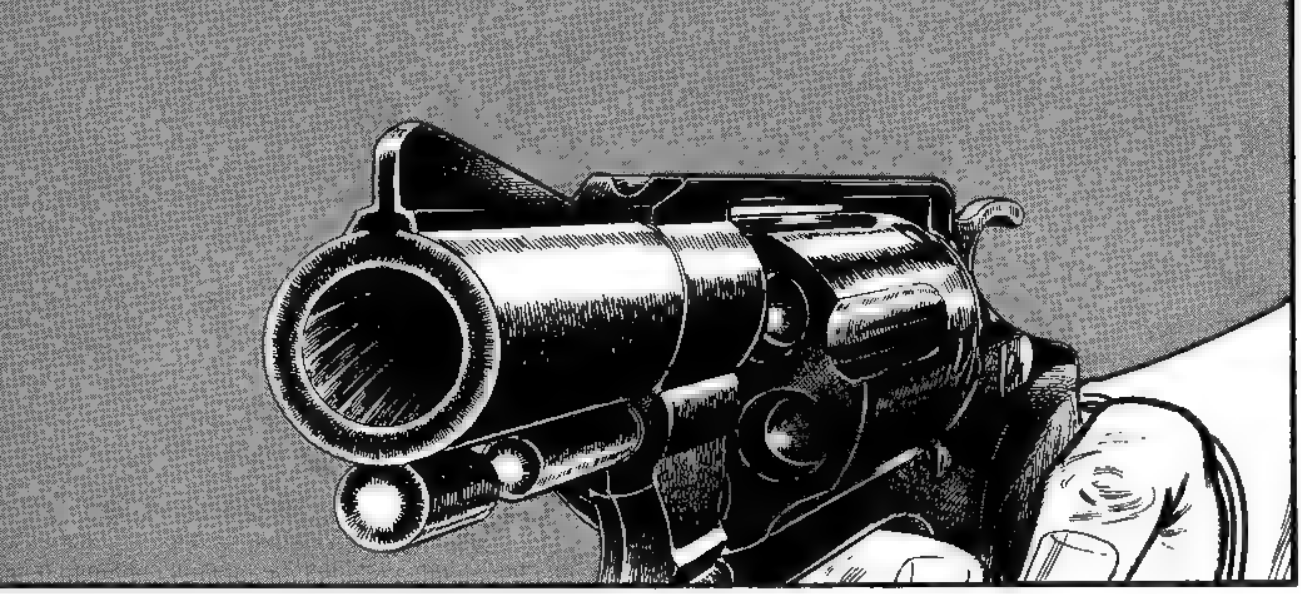

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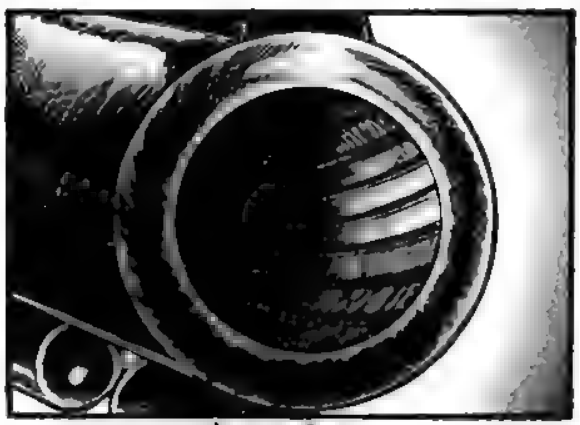
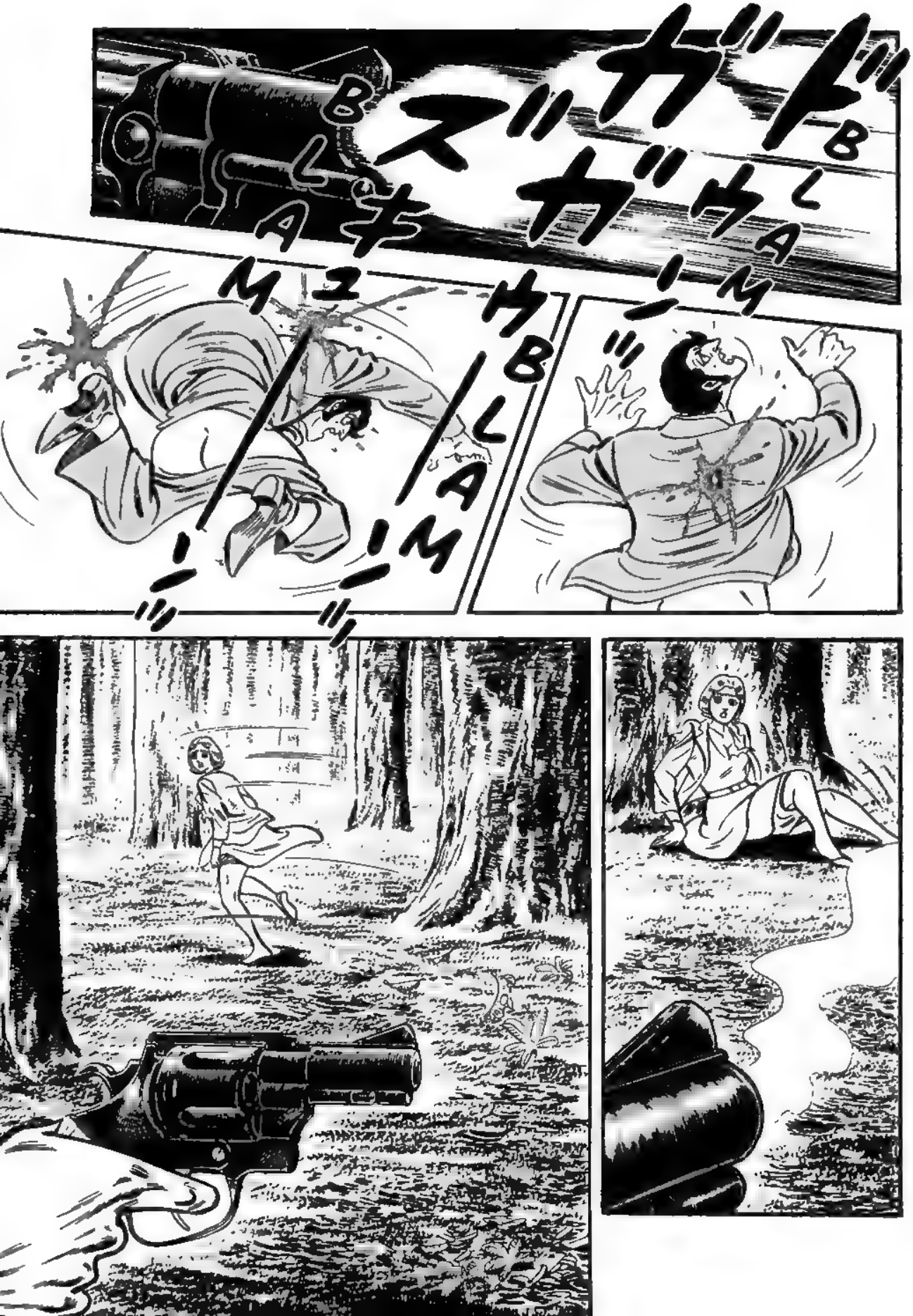
IN THE TIME LEFT BEHIND



Stop!
N-No, d-don't!

WHOOSH
Gaaah!!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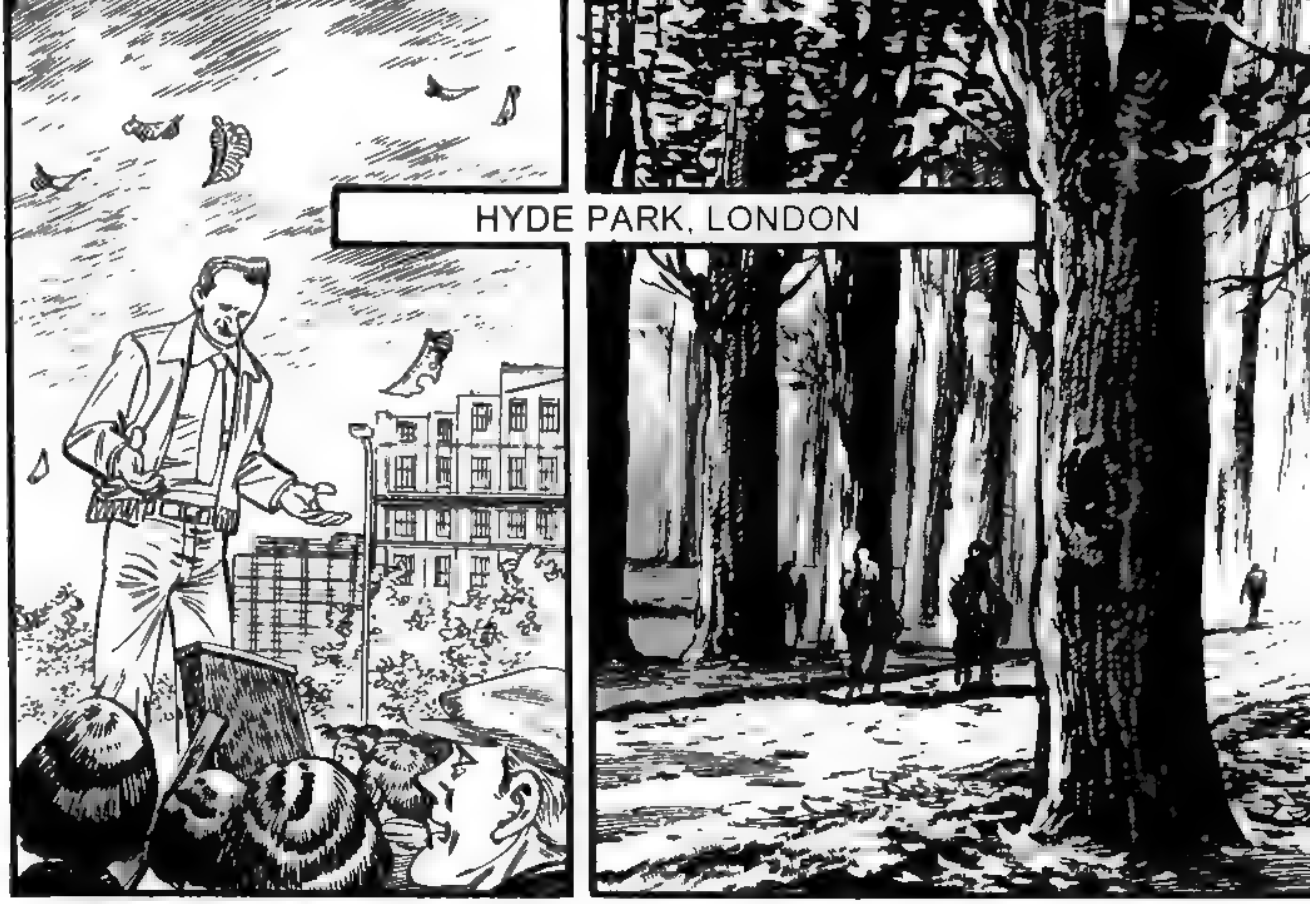
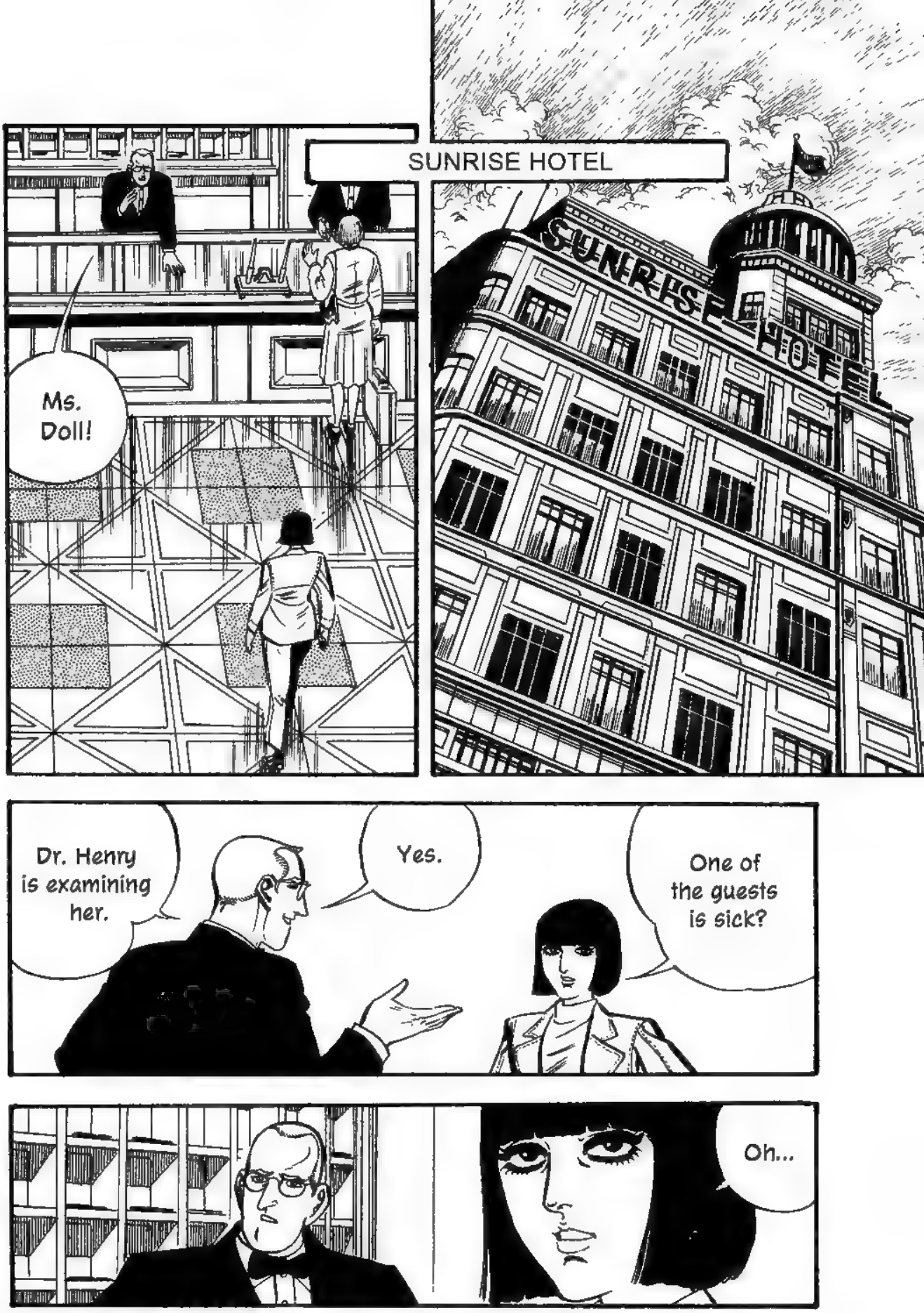

HYDE PARK, LONDON

IN THE TIME LEFT BEHIND


SUNRISE HOTEL
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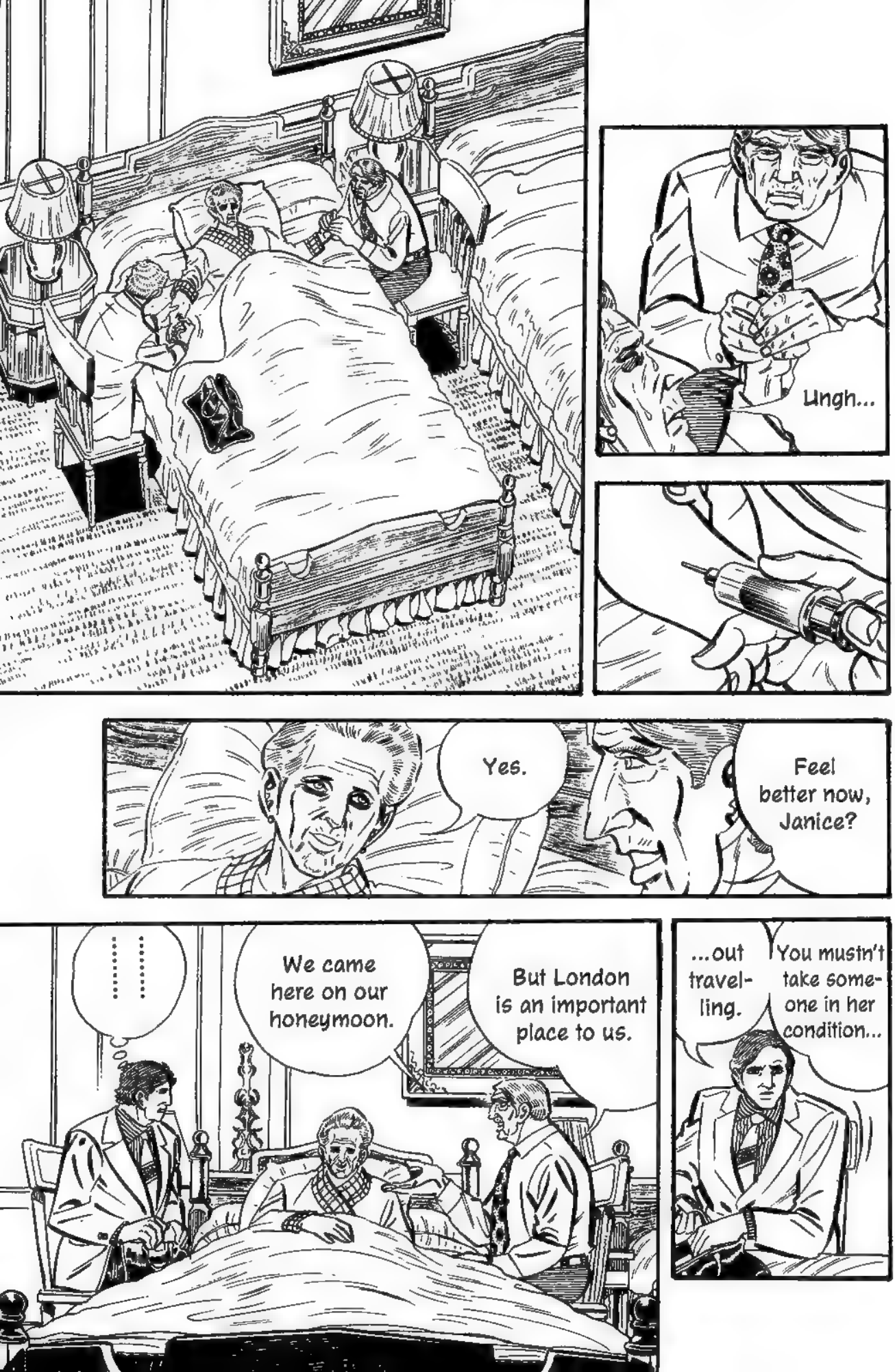
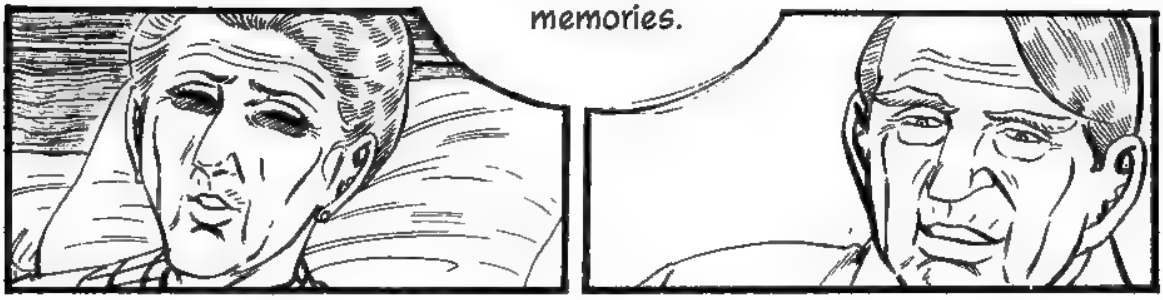
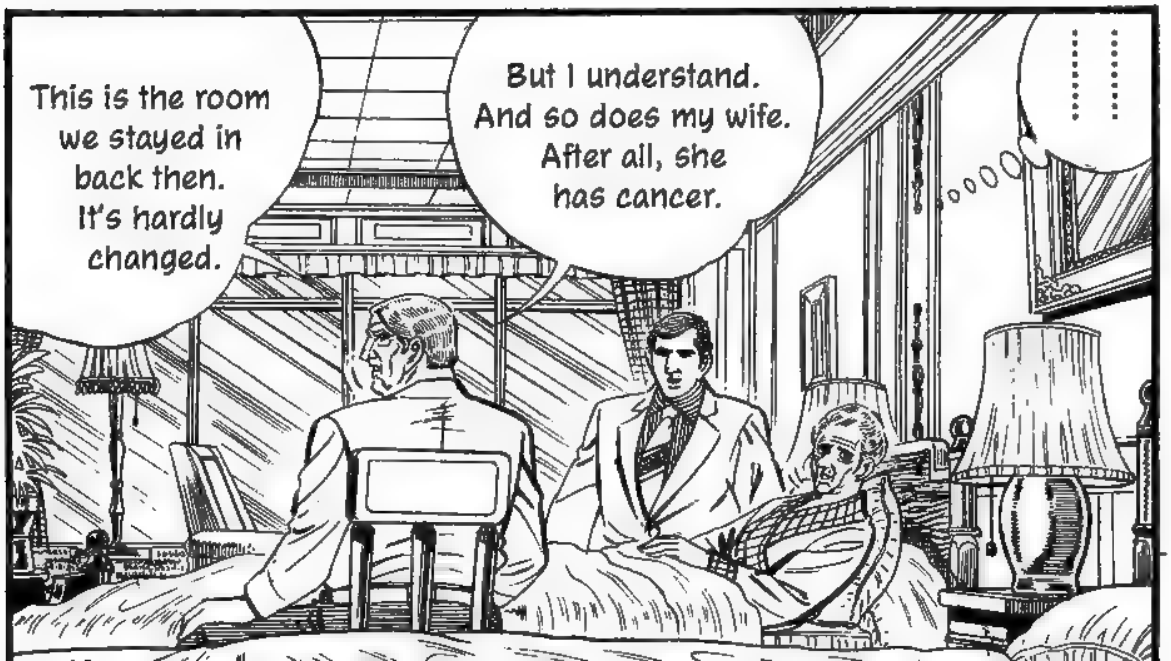
Ms. Doll!
Dr. Henry is examining her.
Yes.
One of the guests is sick?
Oh...


Ungh...
Yes.
Feel better now, Janice?
We came here on our honeymoon.
But London is an important place to us.
You mustn't take someone in her condition...
...out travelling.

Seeing London again was our dream.
We wanted to spend the little time left to us, here with our memories.



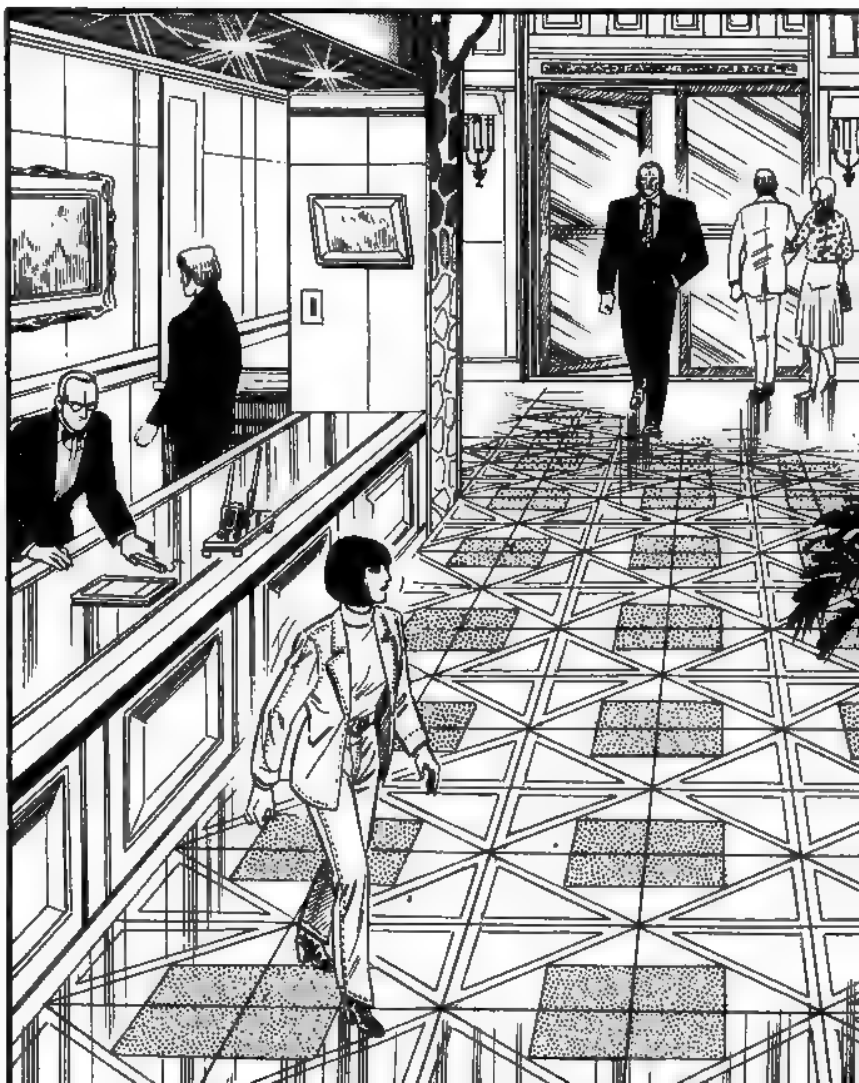

This is the room we stayed in back then. It's hardly changed.
But I understand. And so does my wife. After all, she has cancer.
.....

.....
P... Please...
...let us stay here.
Please, Doctor...
.....
What ?!
Yes, that's right.
Yes.
R R R R!
Y-Yes... I'm listening...
.....

Uh-huh...
Uh-huh...

Hullo, Doll.
You think a killer might be staying here?

Some thug got shot in Hyde Park yesterday.

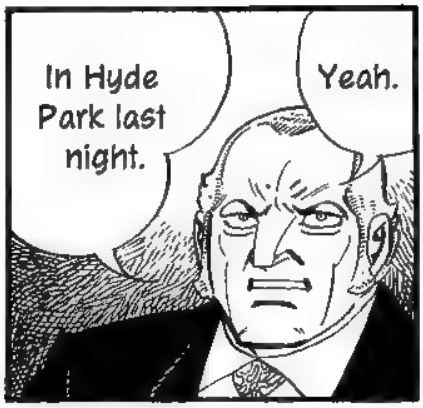


I haven't heard anything.
Have any ideas?
Circumstances at the scene of the crime suggest there was a witness.
Henry!
...you hotel detectives hear more than we do.
These days...
Are you asking for my help again, Detective Hughes?
...the pain has subsided.
Well, uh...
How is Mrs. Allen in Room 1042?

Has something happened?
Hello.
Hullo, Dr. Henry!

?

In Hyde Park?!


In Hyde Park last night.
Yeah.

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Later, Dr. Henry.
Anything comes up, let me know, Doll.
I will.
Good-bye.

Oh, uh... nothing.
Huh?
What's the matter, Henry?
Oh...
There's someplace I have to go.
It's just... I can't buy you dinner like I promised.
Bye.
Sorry.
...that's too bad.
Doll...
What is it, Henry?
Yes?
?

?
...never mind.
No, um...

.....

Excuse me...
What were you talking about...
...with Dr. Henry?
Dr. Henry?
Oh...
...so that dude's a doctor?
But who're *you*? If he's a doctor...
...are you the nurse?
Just answer my question. What were you talking about?
What'll you do for me if I do?
Help loosen my tongue, toots!
GRAB

CHOP
Heeow!
FWUD
KCHIK
!!
A place like this? At this hour? I'll just tell the police I shot you because you...
... attacked me.
I... I'm sorry!

The truth is that doctor is a killer!
.....
OK? OK?
I'll tell you whatever you want!
He killed a man here last night!
It's true!
Don't lie to me!!
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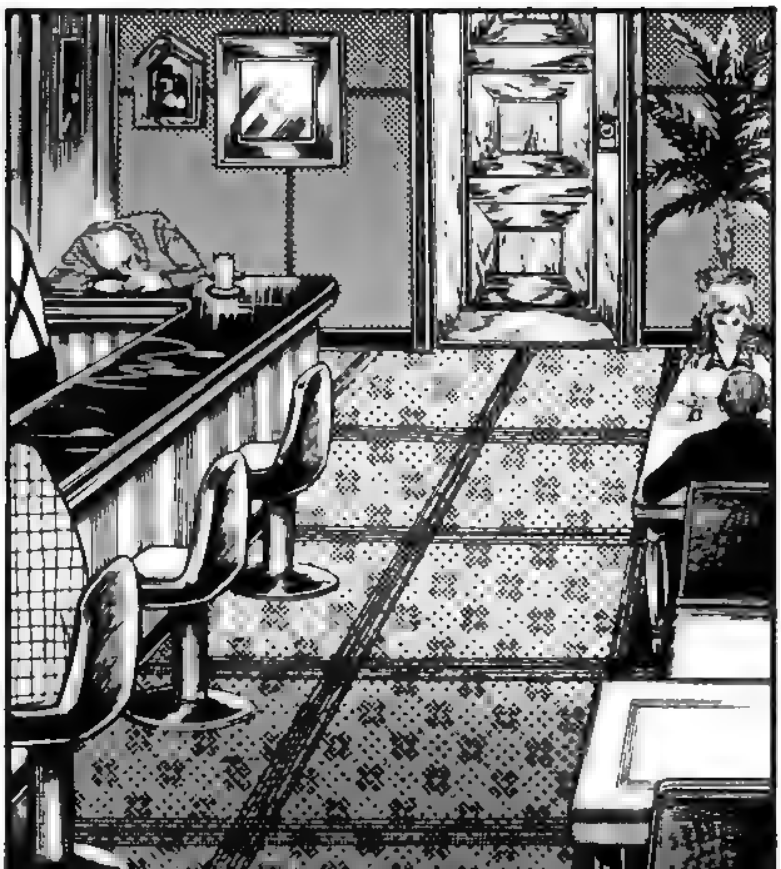
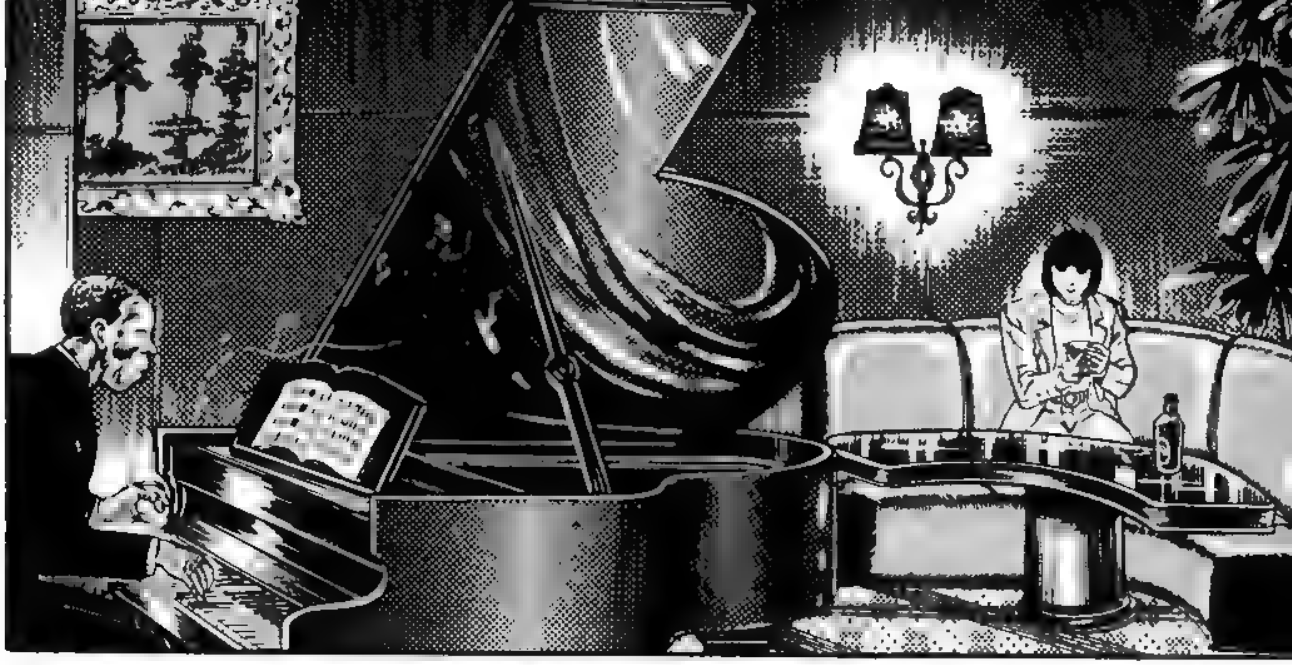
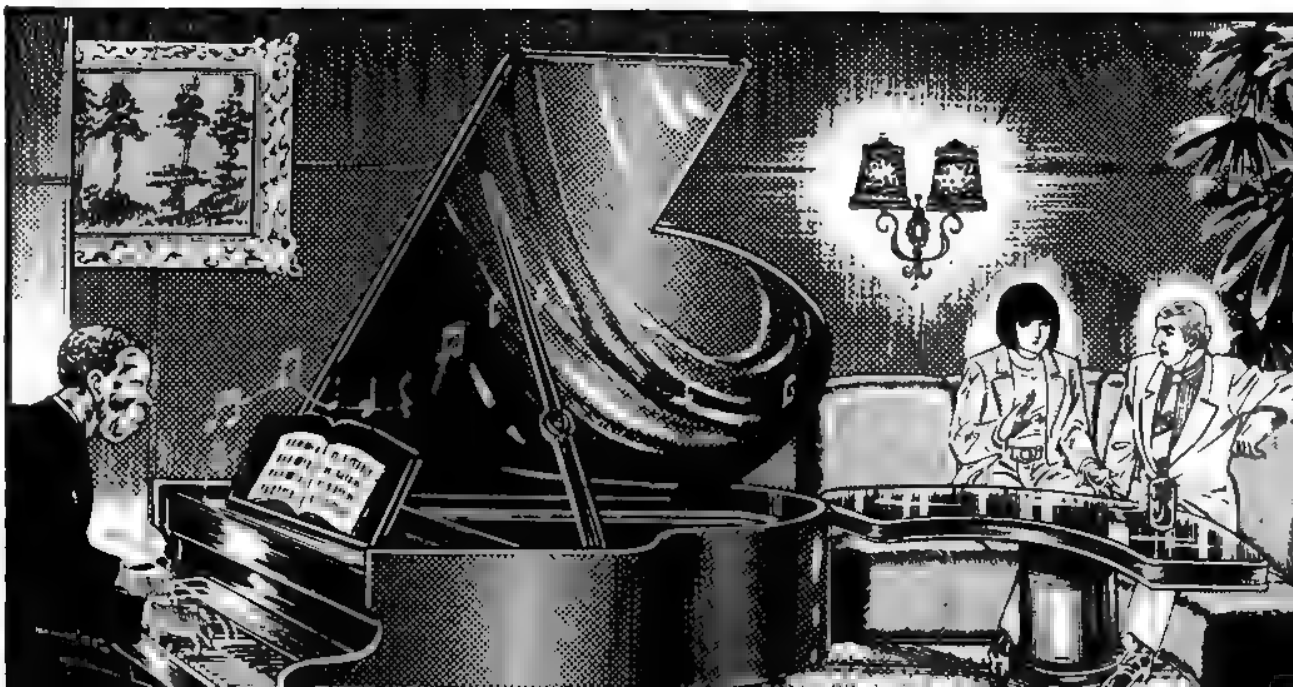
.....
Agh!
WHSH
SPASH

I'll shoot!!
Stop!!
I witnessed it!
.....

BAR
FLORIS
BAR Allen







Believe me, Doll. I didn't do it! Everything he said was a lie!
Was it really you?
Tell me, Henry. Is what that thug said true?
No, I haven't done anything.
You followed me?
I don't know anything about it!
He just said that because you beat him so easily.
Wait, Henry!
...what were you talking to him about?
Then...
I'm in a hurry, so...
I can't say anything else, Doll.

.....
There're countless thugs like the one you described.
I don't know.
Well, Jean?
He must be a small-time player.
If he'd done anything, I'd know by now.
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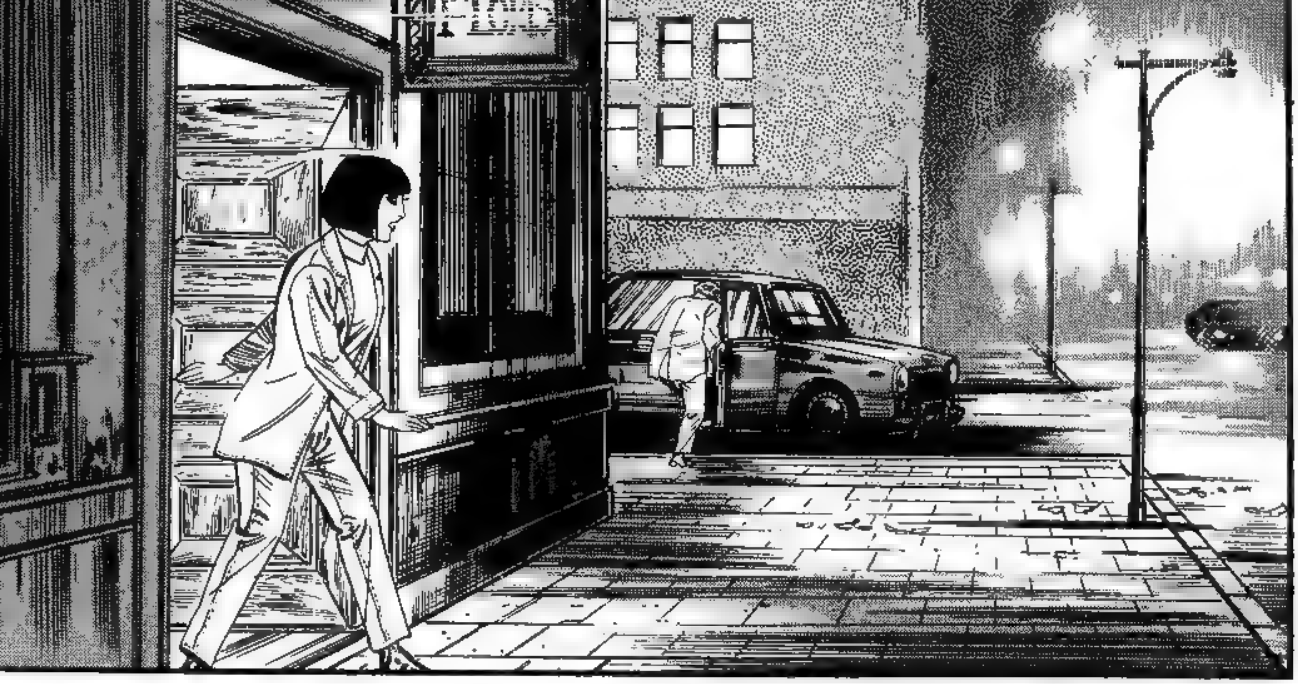
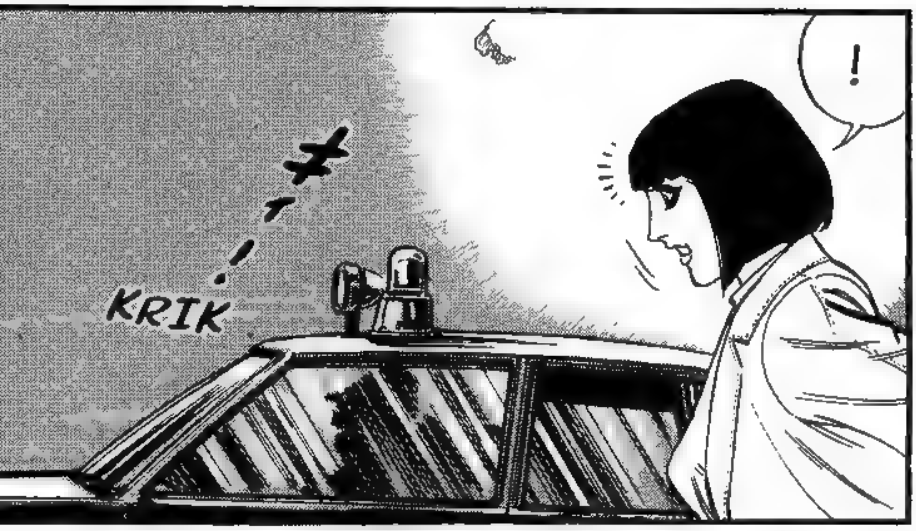
My sources are on it, but they haven't found anything.
Leave it to me, Doll!
Thanks, Jean. Let me know as soon as you have something.

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KRIK

Henry!

Detective Hughes...
What's up, Doll?

Huh?!

The witness has come forward.

This is the witness.
Yes.
She's the witness?
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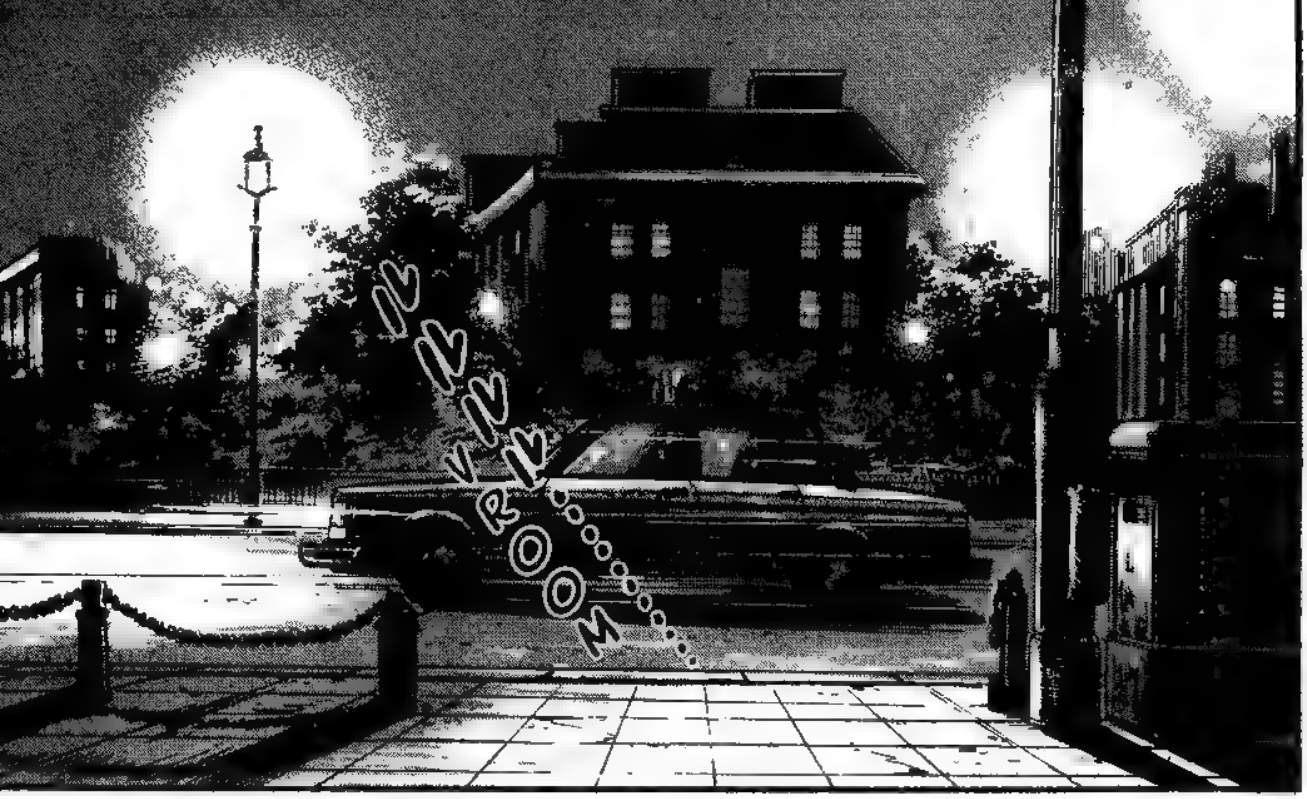
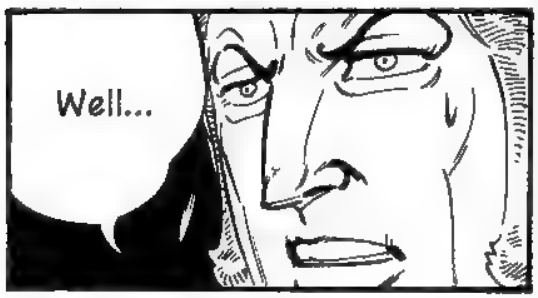
My hotel?
...to the Sunrise Hotel.
CHAK
Anyway, get in. We're just on our way...
VIIRRR


VRRRROOM

So the killer actually *helped* her.

What ?!
The murder victim tried to rape you?!

And... who's the killer?


Well...

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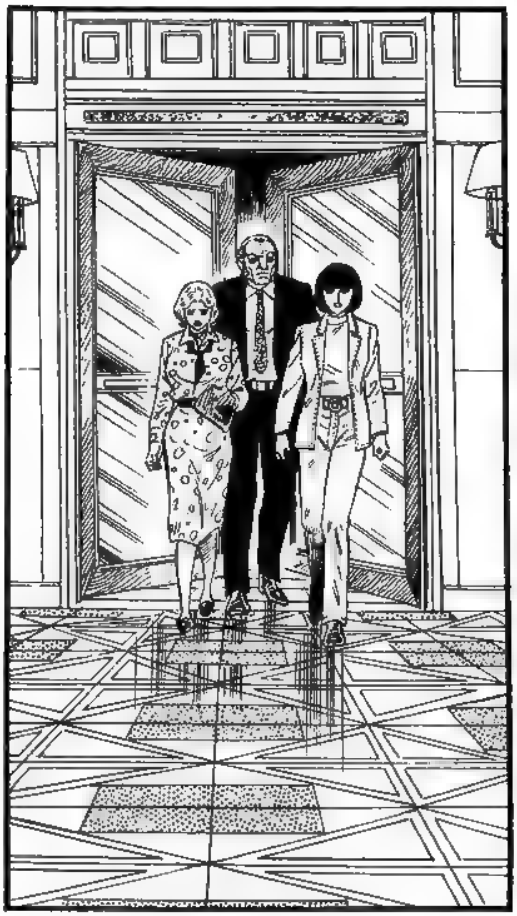

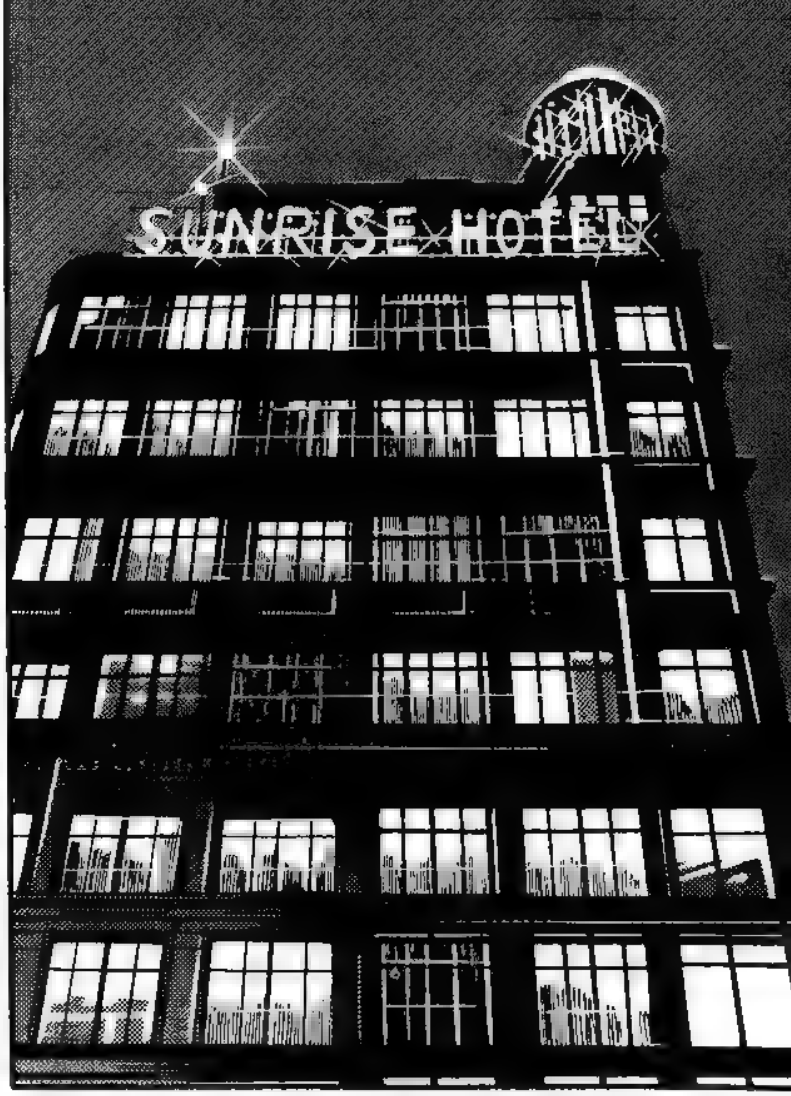
SUNRISE HOTEL

I'm going to check her into the hospital!!
Mrs. Allen's condition has worsened!
What's the matter, Henry?!

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!!
Didn't you?
You knew that Mr. Allen was the killer in Hyde Park.
So I met the thug myself. I said I'd get the money, but when I got back...
...Mrs. Allen's condition had worsened!
But Mr. Allen's wife is dying of cancer...
When I was in his room, I got a phone call from that thug. He said he saw the killer and wanted money.
...so I couldn't tell him.
And you still haven't told Mr. Allen?
No...

We can't let her die alone!
His wife won't live much longer. She needs him.
.....
He only did it to help me!! SOB SOB
He didn't do anything wrong!! He saved me!!
.....
WHOOSH
Doll!
!!
?!

1042
!!
WHAM
42
If someone like you is traveling with a gun, I knew it must be to find a place to die.
She has cancer! Let us both go on to Heaven!
Let us die!!
SWIP
H!
Throw down the gun!

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...and found that brute *soiling* it.
So you went to a place with memories, a place sacred to you...

You couldn't bear it and pulled the trigger.

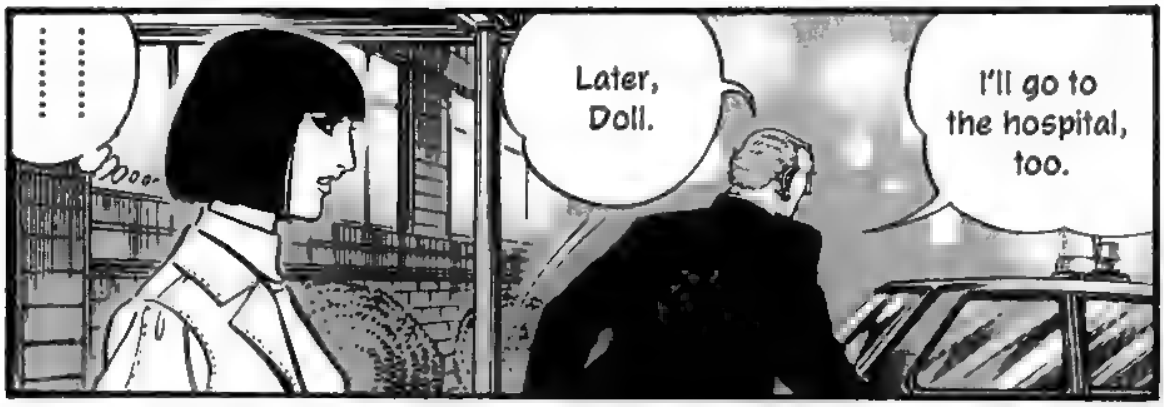
Only Hyde Park was just like when we visited it on our honeymoon and envisioned our future together!
Everything has changed here!
You're right! I did!

It was the only place for us to die!
B-But... that man... that man...!!

I couldn't allow it!
I couldn't!!
.....
Allen!!
Mr. Allen!!
BLAM
Janice!!
I was s- so happy, dear...

WHOOSH
SPLAT
Gah!

I'm here, Janice!! I'm right here!!
SOB SOB My... My dear husband...
.....
WEEE



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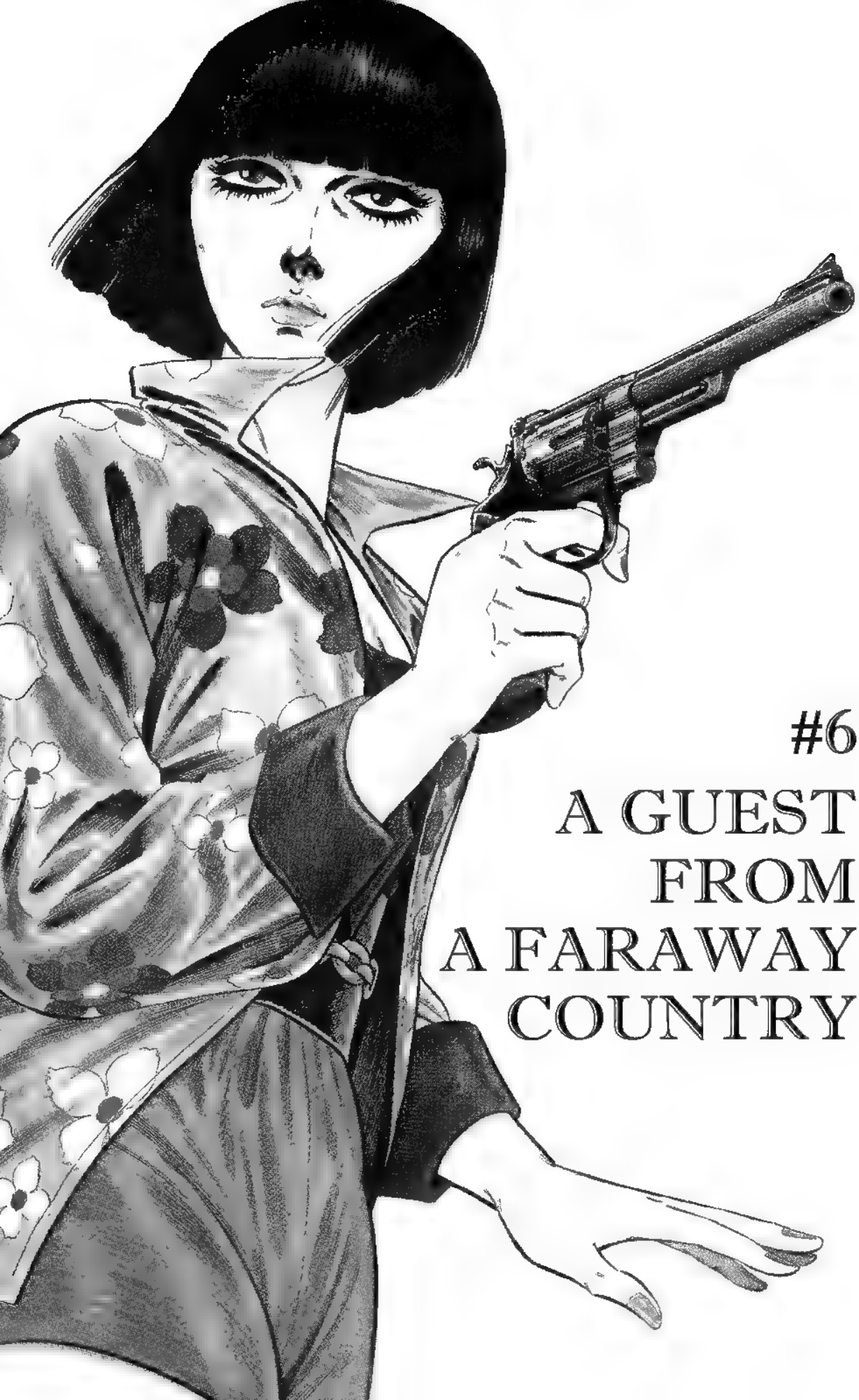

#6
A GUEST FROM A FARAWAY COUNTRY

CONEY ISLAND, NEW YORK

A GUEST FROM A FARAWAY COUNTRY

BUMP
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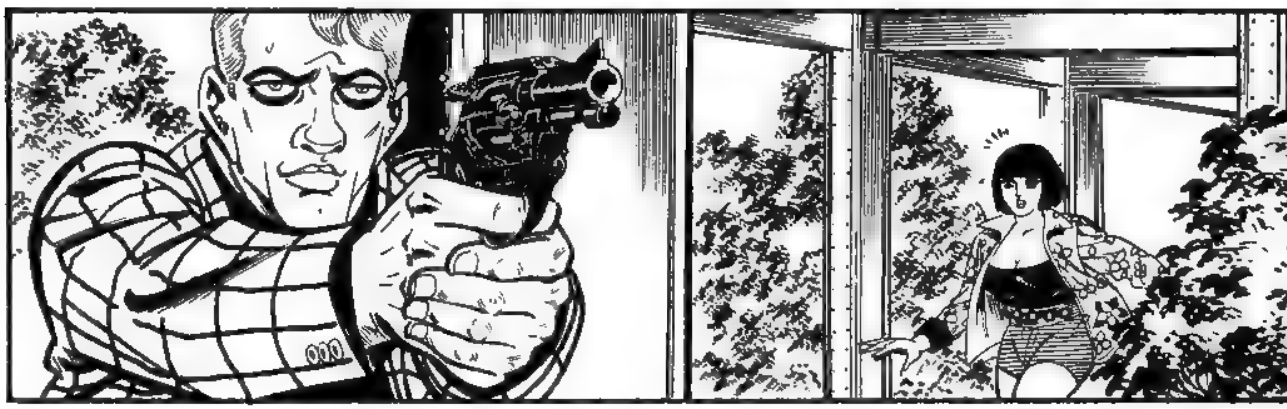
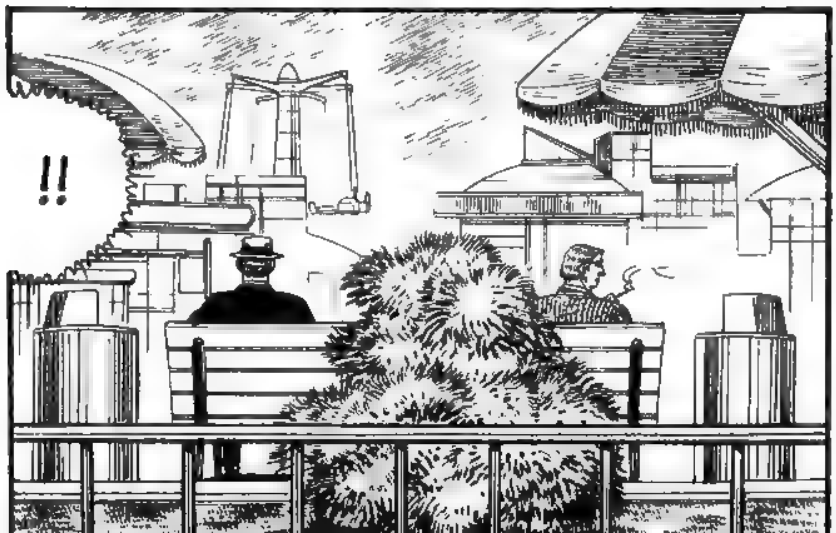
Agh!!
Oh nooo!

I am Shatrov.
Yes.
Mr. Shatrov?

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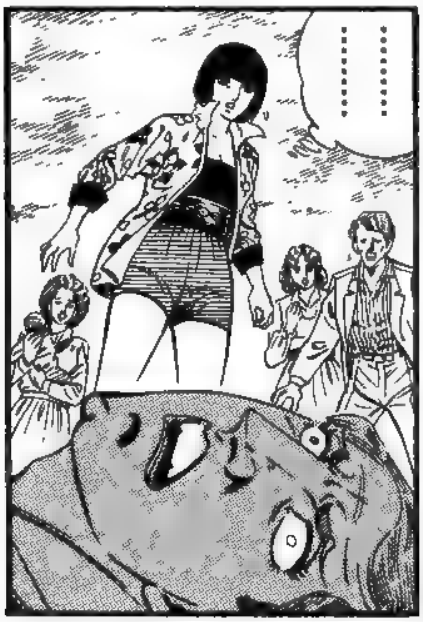
ゴオオオ
KCHIK
Tony!
WHOOSH
CHAK
!!
!!
オオオ

WHOOSH
ズキュウン
BLAM!
Tony...!

Throw down your weapon!
.....
Freeze!!
You're a hotel detective?
The man who just ran away wasn't the one who shot Shatrov.
Check the gun. You'll see.
CIA...
And you are...?

The real killer was somewhere else.
It hasn't been fired.
You're right...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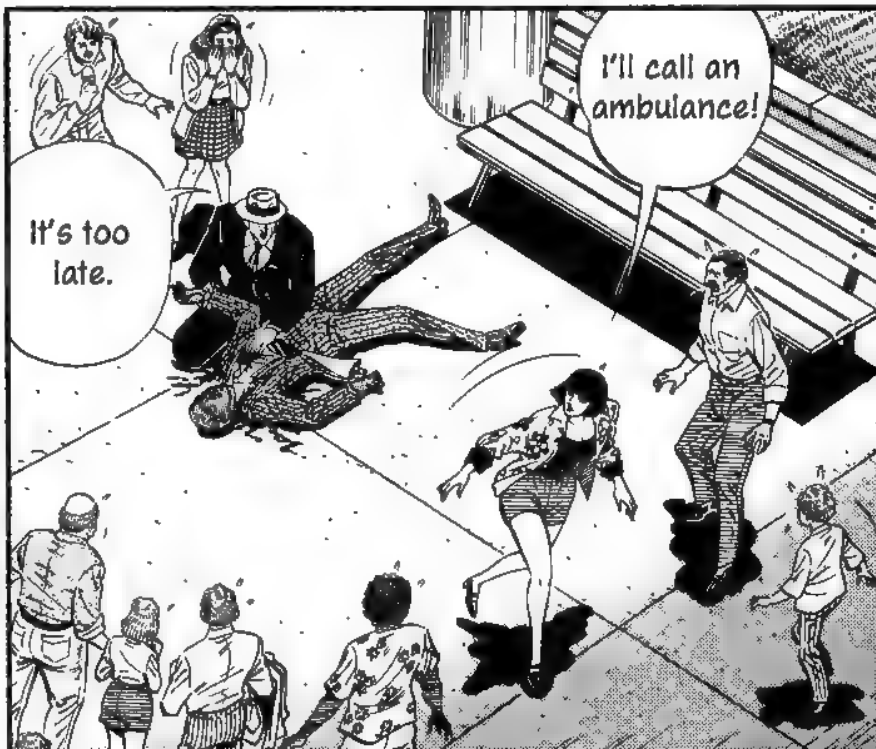
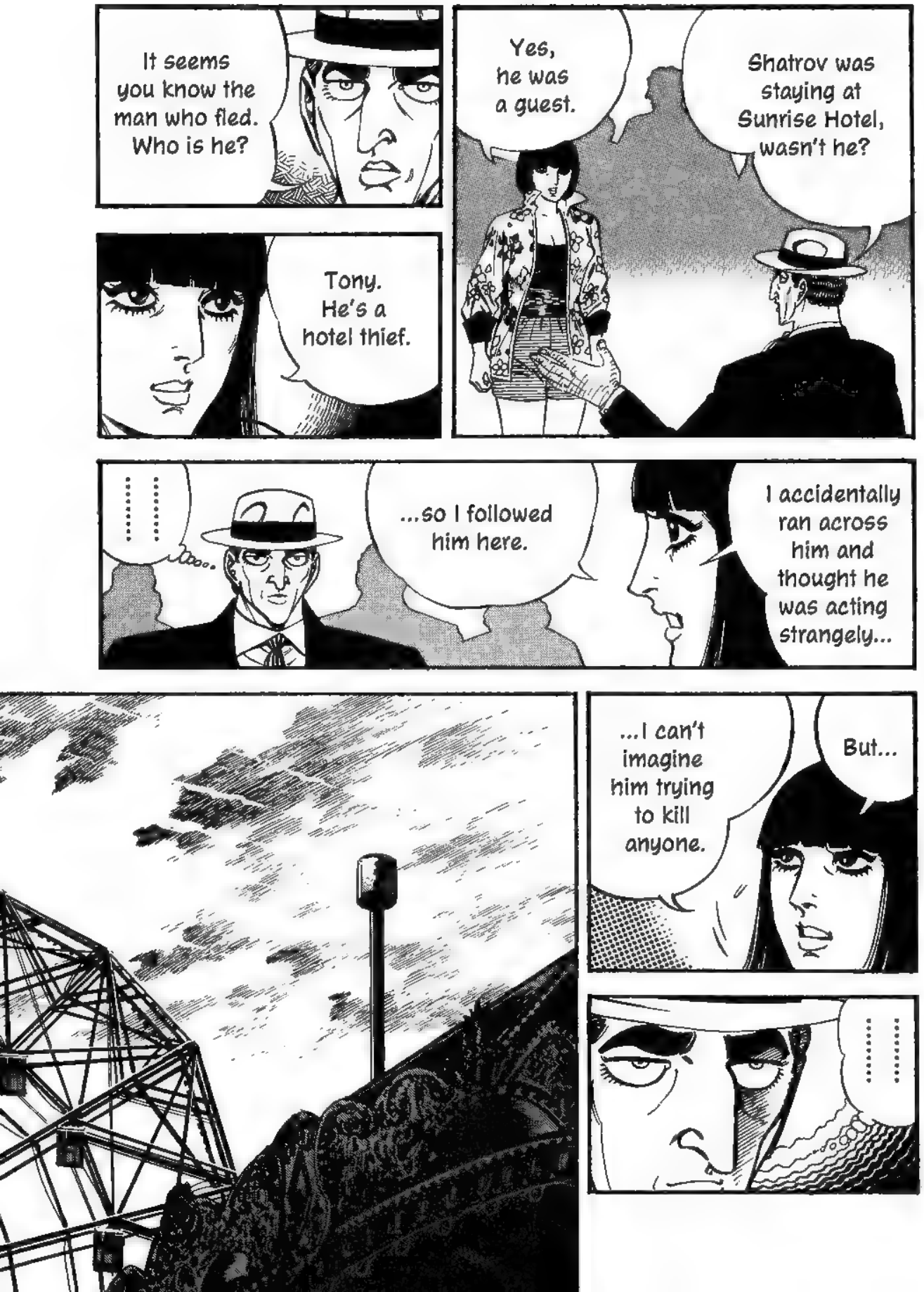
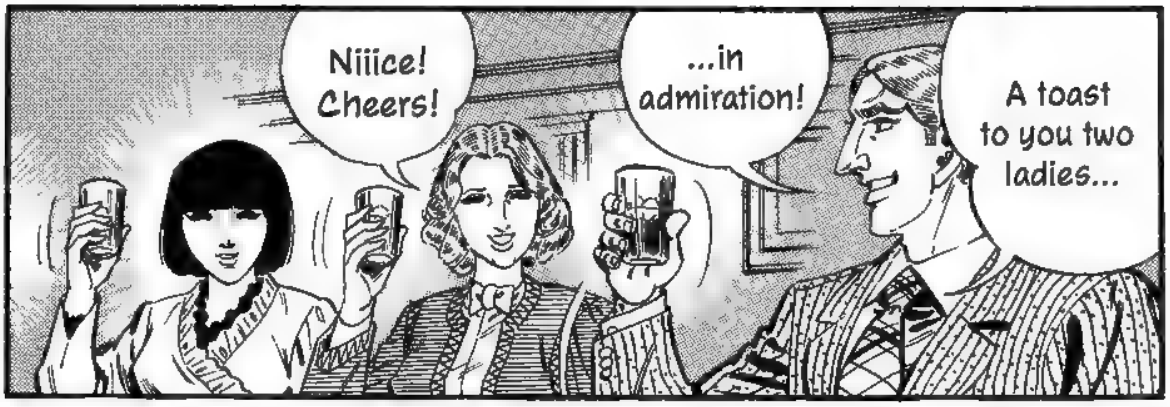
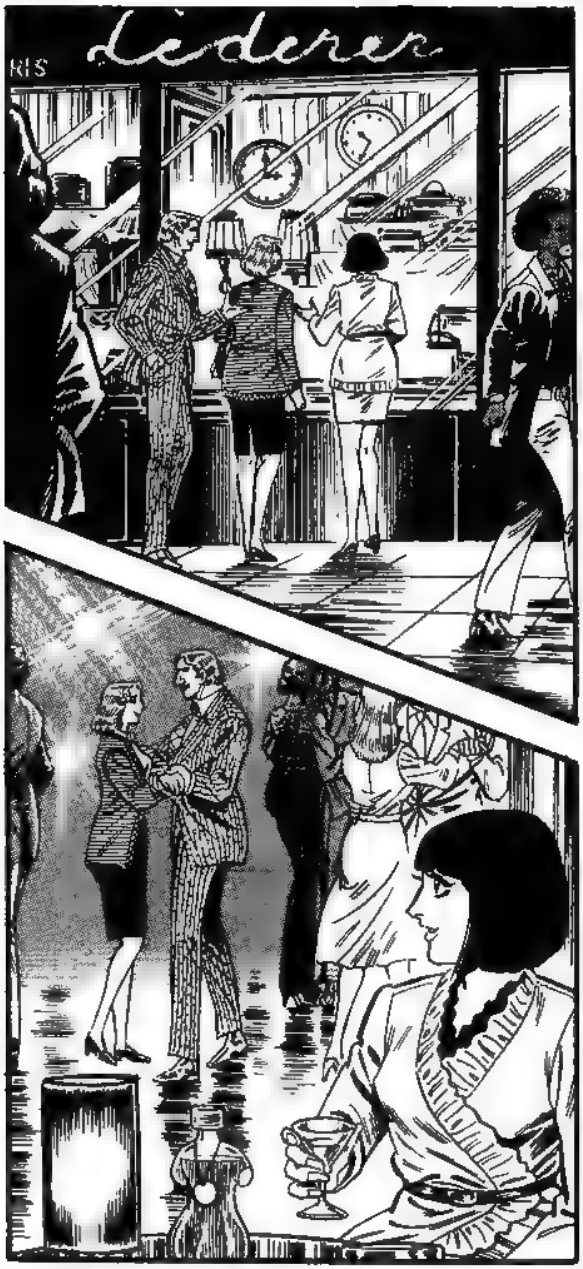

I'll call an ambulance!
It's too late.

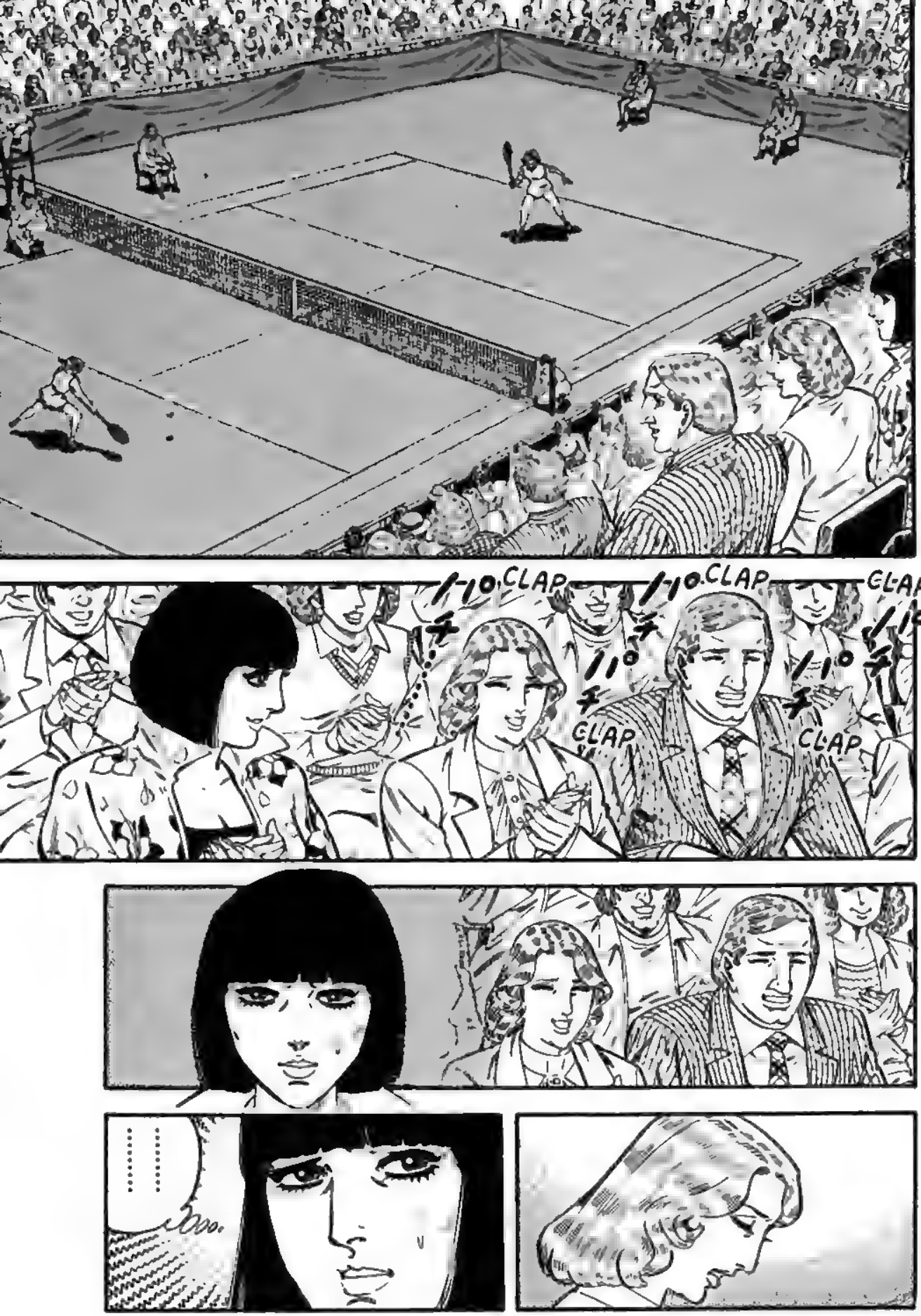

It seems you know the man who fled. Who is he?
Yes, he was a guest.
Shatrov was staying at Sunrise Hotel, wasn't he?
Tony. He's a hotel thief.
.....
...so I followed him here.
I accidentally ran across him and thought he was acting strangely...
...I can't imagine him trying to kill anyone.
But...
.....

SOB
.....

Not at all. As a woman, I respect *you*!
You are amazing!
I am so glad we are friends, Doll!
Jealous?
...me all alone here!
Please, you are leaving...
I cannot beat her! Ha ha ha!
I must admit that!
Tee hee hee!
...you ignore me!
No, but as a man, I am hurt that...
But Doll is a first-class professional, not some clumsy *man*!
So you *are* jealous!


Niiice! Cheers!
...in admiration!
A toast to you two ladies...


Lederer


パチ
CLAP
パチ
CLAP
パチ
CLAP
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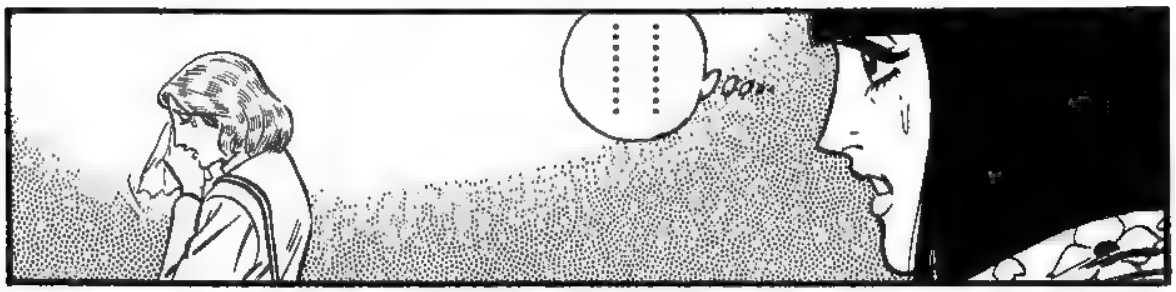
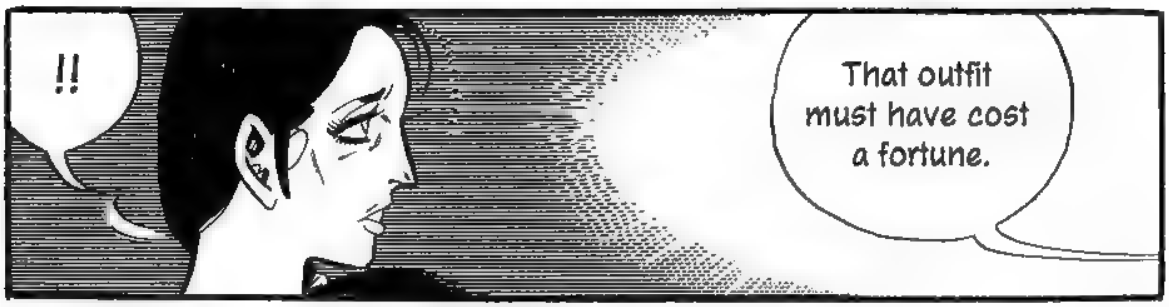
CLAP
パチ
CLAP
……
……

.....
Did anyone have a grudge against him? Was he scared of something?
No, not really...
No...
He had finished his work and was leaving America tomorrow.
My husband was a correspondent for the TASS news agency.
Had he been acting strangely lately?
.....
...I think I would have noticed...
We loved each other. If something had changed...
What is it?
Yes?!
KA-CHAK
Chief!

The CIA?!

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That outfit must have cost a fortune.

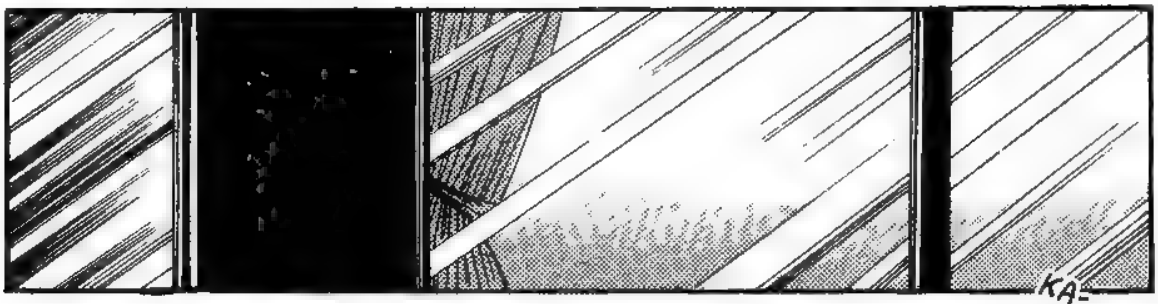
He used to be a small-time hotel thief, but now he's contracted for *murder*.

No, he isn't.
Is he in?
I guess Tony got a good job.

N-No! I don't believe it!
...to buy you those clothes.
And he used the money...
What?!
.....
We can still save him. Where is he?
But don't worry. He didn't kill anyone.
...about a woman whose husband was killed at an amusement park.
He was lost in thought for a while and then ran out.
Where did he go?
I don't want him arrested. I want to know who hired him.
He was watching the news...

The look on his face when he saw that woman...
.....
I knew it was something serious...
.....
...and something about "teaching that bitch a lesson."
No, he just said, "Make a fool of me, will ya?!"...
He didn't say where he was going?
.....
Bitch?!

SUN RISE HOTEL


KA-
CHAK

Hello, Mrs. Shatrov.
!!
That's what you wanted, right?
You asked me to kill your husband, and now it's done.
CHAK
I can get into *any* room!
But I can't let you get away with using me as a decoy...
You played me right good!!
...when you killed him *yourself*!!

You're coming with me to the police!!
I won't take the blame for a murder I didn't commit!
KCHIK
But the fuzz think I killed him!
Do not worry. I will not ask for the money back.
That is all right. I doubt it will hurt your pride as a killer.
.....
Hurry it up!!
I am sorry it has come to this...
Gaah!!
BLAM
TUMP
!!

BLAM!!
ZING
WHOOSH
!!
!!

You are just in time, Doll.
!!
Why did you kill your husband?
Why did you do it? It looked like you were in love.
!!
In fear, I shot him with a gun I have for self-defense!
That man came into my room and threatened me with a gun!
.....
.....
...as a mere hotel thief.
I learned from Tony's lover that he didn't come here...

Let us take a walk, Doll.

America *confused* him!

But America tried to take him from me.

He was going to *defect*?!

!!

I loved him from the bottom of my heart...

...and he loved me.

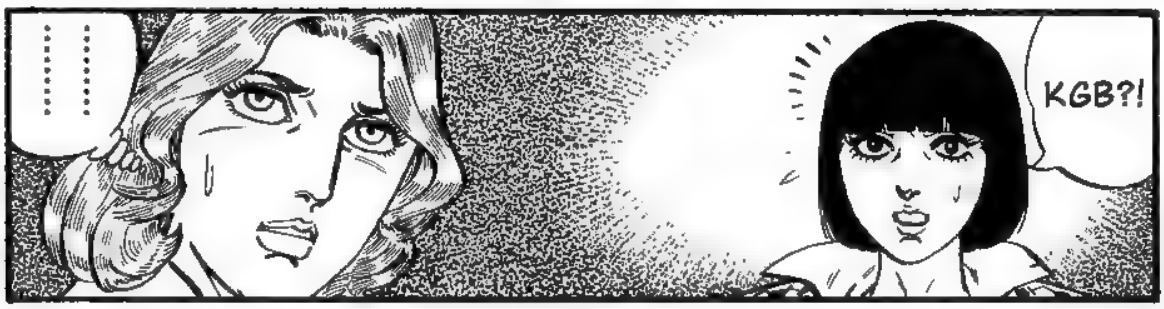
.....
I loved him!!
I did not want this country to have him!!
.....
...why didn't you defect with him?
If you loved him so much...
.....
...that it came to this, Doll.
I am sorry...
...and have a good time.
I wanted to invite you to Moscow...

Why couldn't you stay with him?!
Please. Tell me.

.....
Or did you feel that your husband's actions betrayed your love?
For your country? For your principles? Are those stronger than love?

How do you answer her, Mrs. Shatrov?
!!

Indeed, a KGB collaborator with the code name "Sreda"...
!!
...cannot easily defect with the man she loves.


.....
KGB?!

...ours isn't a frivolous business like yours!
Know *this*, Ms. Detective...

.....

!!
BLAM
TUMP
!!
ガチャ
CHIK
BUSH
ガバッ
HOOSH

BLAM
Mrs. Shatrov...

FWIP
KLAK
THUD
You must come sometime...
M... Moscow is a nice city...
.....

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